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President's Message

Value in things not changing...

Offentimes I address the value of NATRC, and often of the need for things to change. And sometimes of the need for things *not* to change. At every turn we are buffeted by bad news and sour grapes and discontent. We hear of political impasses and special interests and the ignoring of the common good. And we hear of how it used to be, or how it should be, or how some say it needs to be.

Amid this swirl of moving targets, your NATRC National and Regional BOD's try very hard not to get caught up in changing to please, but in reasonable change. We have a rule change proposal for Competitive/ Pleasure Division Awards that is very reasonable, and certainly will please many. The integrity of the sport and the value of the competition won't be diminished by the proposal, but will add value to the experience for our CP riders.

We also have some dedicated folks working hard to develop a clear and concise standardized procedure for the use of CRI in our rides. There is a bit of a misconception that the Cardiac Recovery Index is some kind of new tool to assess distance horses. Far from being new, the CRI has been available to us for years and years. It has always been, and continues to be, an enormously valuable tool in evaluating the condition of our equine partners. If you care about your horse and truly want to know how he's doing at a ride, then you will be delighted with the enhancement of this tool.

In order to preserve the integrity of our sport there are some things we just cannot allow. NATRC is a distance trail competition that challenges the horse and rider while also educating the rider on becoming a better horse person on a well-conditioned and sensible trail horse. If you remove any of those key variables---distance, challenge, or education---

then we are diminished and become something other than NATRC. That's the kind of change we don't need.

Regardless of the fact that our world constantly changes around us, no organization can last 53 years without sticking to strong core values. NATRC attracts people passionate about their horse and the fun of a challenge. It is my responsibility, and your responsibility, to ensure that whatever changes come about in our sport keep those core values in mind. It's important to recognize and reward excellence, and that's what we're doing with the CP rule change proposals. And standardizing and clarifying the use of CRI reinforces what we've always said-- that care of the horse through evaluation of soundness and condition is of paramount importance.

There is plenty of uncertainty in the world, but NATRC works to remain as a place we can count on; a place to share common interests, common values, and a common desire to challenge ourselves and come away knowing more than we did. We challenge ourselves, we learn, we go the distance.

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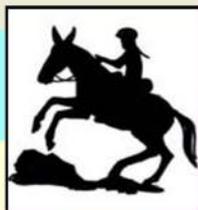
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Membership Recruiter's Report

By Jerry Sims

There have been several rides in all of the regions. Hopefully each region has designated someone to create a database to track non-members.

Please welcome the following new and rejoining members:
Please let me know if I misspelled your name, or left you out.

Region 1

Ilsa Madison
Lilyanna Redin
Savannah Gipson.

Region 1A

Kelly Stevenson
Jeanie Fabich
Sarah Gotschall
Leta Young.

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Region 3

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Susie Summer
Shannon Reed, DVM
Diana Hastings
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Region 4

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Corry Key
Brook Sims
Wendye Gardiner.

Region 5

Alexandria Parris
Natalie Evans.

Region 6

Helen Smith
Shawn Kern
Denise Farris.

As of this writing August 8, 2014, we have the following;
54 new members
35 rejoining members
89 total

NATRC, "You're Gonna Learn Something."

Code of Ethics

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Rule Tidbit...

Using a Whip at Check-In

We used to say that if a handler used a whip at check-out, the handler must have used it at check-in. It was not a rule; it was simply a guideline. **Most agree that what the judges are really looking for is the appropriate use of the whip as an extension of the arm.** Just seeing it in the handler's hand reminds some horses to behave better and encourages movement so the veterinary judge can make an adequate evaluation.



Good Morning, Trail Ride America!

By Alice Yovich

In the summer of 2013, while listening to the "Horses in the Morning" radio broadcast one morning, I heard Glenn the Geek mention that they would be selling spots twice a week to organizations who wanted to promote their groups and sports. Curious, I contacted him. He was very excited about the idea of having a trail oriented segment on "Horses in the Morning" because they didn't have one in their lineup. Karen Chaton, an endurance rider, had taken an hour for an endurance show, but since NATRC has a different focus than endurance, there was room for both shows. Unfortunately the timing was wrong for NATRC funding, so the idea was put on hold.

Flash forward to the convention in February when

we all had the pleasure of meeting Christy Landwehr from CHA (Certified Horsemanship Association). CHA was already doing a monthly segment on horsemanship, and NATRC agreed to be their guest and to sponsor an episode. On that show Teresa Musgrave and I discussed the differences between gaited horse riding on the trail and in the arena and other concepts of basic trail equitation and training.

That episode was very successful and had a high download rate, but at the time there no available shows available. A month later, I shot Glenn a conversational email and, to my delight, he replied

that a show spot was available. This time NATRC had marketing funds to move forward with a 6-month commitment to do the show, starting in April. With the help of the marketing committee, we made a plan and started looking for episode sponsors to help defray the cost.

With four shows under my belt, I am looking forward to the fifth and sixth on September 18th and October 16th. Subjects covered to date include trail etiquette; equitation and conditioning; rehabilitation of injured equines; hot weather care

of the horse and rider; and saddle fit for the horse and rider. The upcoming September show will include guests Becky Rogers on getting started in the sport and becoming

a horsemanship judge plus a recent President's Cup winner, Tammy Lineback, on what it takes to win NATRC's highest award.

So far we have been able to get sponsorship for around 50-75% of the cost of producing the show. From the numbers for the quarter, we have learned that our show is in the in the top five downloads with over 15,000 downloads per month! This does not include the people who listen to the show live every month. We plan to continue the show for another 6 months.

The hope is that this new media outlet and our top five status will help make our sport more ac-

cessible to general trail riding listeners and bring in new and renewing sponsors. The show has been great fun to do every month, and I look forward to continued success.

If you have subject or guest suggestions, please email me at ayovich@gmail.com.

Our "Horses in the Morning" show can be found at www.horsesinthemorning.com on the third Thursday of every month starting at 8:00 am central time. It can be downloaded from the website or heard live.



Alice Yovich hard at work!

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Report and Recommendation from the Veterinary Drug Committee

By Michael S. Peralez, DVM, Chair

As part of NATRC's drug surveillance program, a horse was found to have significant levels of firocoxib (163.2 ng/ml) in its blood. Firocoxib is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug that is listed in Appendix A and falls under Appendix B.1 of the NATRC Drug appendices. Therefore, this horse is considered in violation of the NATRC Drug Rule.

Firocoxib (Equioxx/Previcox) is prohibited and that is reason enough to consider this a rule violation. However, firocoxib is known to be detectable in a drug test well beyond its therapeutic activity. Also, current NATRC Drug Appendices provide no guidelines for firocoxib threshold or withdrawal times.

The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) allows use of the medication up to 12 hours before competition at a threshold level of 240 ng/ml. In other words, USEF rules allow the horse to be shown while on therapeutic doses of firocoxib. However, several jurisdictions, including racing and endurance riding, do not allow the horse to compete with pharmacologically active levels of firocoxib. Last year, the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) established a threshold of 20 ng/ml and a withdrawal time of seven days for firocoxib. These threshold and withdrawal numbers were supported by work from the K.L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry

Laboratory and published in the Equine Veterinary Journal (EVJ) online in January 2014. AERC, in their mid-August 2014 board meeting, approved the motion submitted by their Veterinary Committee to follow the RMTC/EVJ threshold and withdrawal guidelines.

Therefore, in the interest of horse welfare, the updating of our drug rules, consistency among trail ride organizations, and lessening confusion among competitors, the NATRC Veterinary Drug Committee recommends that NATRC adopt the new firocoxib drug rule additions.

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R2-DTOUR

EPISODE MMXIV

PART 1

By Karen Kafka

In the olden days, before cell phones and text messages, people gathered around a fire to listen to stories of great adventures. These stories were meant to entertain and to educate. So in honor of ancient history, pony up to the campfire and listen to one version of an epic odyssey.

I have always been excited about taking my horse and riding all over the country. NATRC gave me the framework to venture out of my comfort zone. Knowing that I would have a safety net of people to call upon made this adventure a possibility.

Upon retirement in the summer of 2013, it seemed the perfect time to ride the regions – ride a ride in each of the six NATRC regions within a year’s span.

Planning was a key part to the success of the trip. I realized I would have to limit the time to less than 8 weeks, since I like my farrier way too much. So two trips would have to be

made, one to the East (Regions 3, 4, 5 & 6) and one to the West (Region 1 and my Region 2). Planning actually consisted of two major parts: the details of the actual journey and the details of my being away from home for so long. I had to make sure all the animal feed was stocked well for my absence (as well as the refrigerator for my husband); bills paid in advance; medications procured; and appointments made with all my routine medical doctors before or after the journey.

In November 2013, I started to select rides from the ride schedule. There were the R2 rides: Arizona Bumble Bee in March and California Vail Lake in April. I decided to do Uwharrie in North Carolina, R5 after Vail Lake and work my way back. Although rides moved dates as they were sanctioned, I finally had an itinerary. I had found out that four CTRs back-to-back were a little too much; probably two in a row would be best.

At the February R2 clinic in California, Lory Walls expressed an interest and joined the adventure. It was exciting to have another person on board.

Bumble Bee CTR – AZ

Our first set of bad news. Less than 5 minutes from the start, a scary scenario (horses running on the left side, a goat moving on the right side) caused Lory’s horse, Mikie, to buck, and Lory landed on the hard packed dirt road. Ever the competitor,

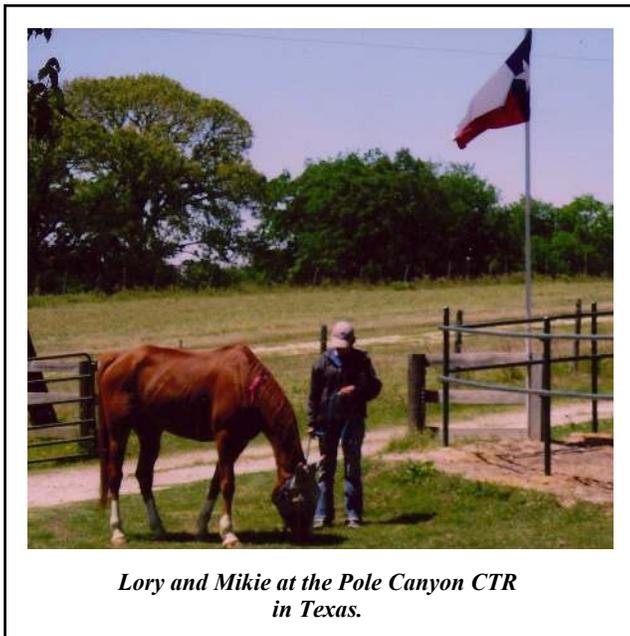
Lory re-mounted and rode the 10 miles to the first P & R – probably on pure adrenaline. It was there, after dismounting, that she couldn’t stand. She was taken to an ER and was told her pelvis was fractured in two places. I was sure she was out of the adventure, but Lory is full of surprises.

A week later, while conditioning for the next ride, my horse spun me off. I fractured a small bone near my left little toe when my foot didn’t leave the stirrup in time. A minor inconvenience, but since these things come in threes, I asked Caden, one of my Junior riders who would be starting our adventure with us, what she was going to break. She held up her index finger and said she would be willing to break a nail. Smart kid.

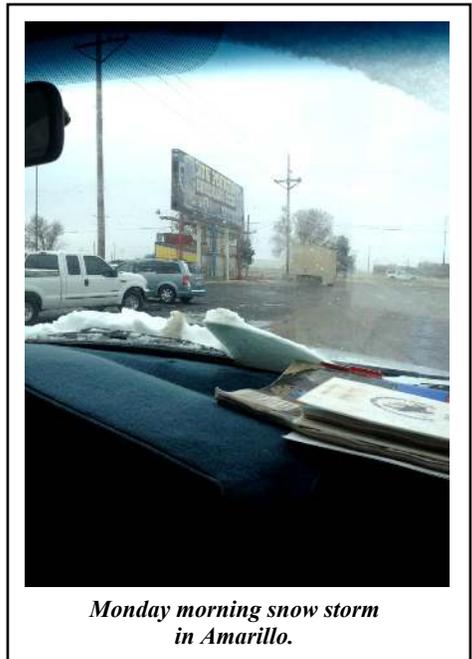
Vail Lake CTR – CA

On the Ride Management System I noticed that the ride entries were overwhelmingly from Arizona, so I developed the “Zonie” theme for the trip (Zonie is a term the Southern Californian people call us when we flock there for vacations). The summer issue of *Hoof Print* tells the “Once Uh Pony Time” story. It was at Vail Lake that the R2-DTour theme was hatched. Thank you, Dr. Lucy Hirsch for the name. The biggest surprise was that Lory was able to ride Mikie and finish. Not too sure if she got doctor’s clearance or not. We headed back to

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Lory and Mikie at the Pole Canyon CTR in Texas.



Monday morning snow storm in Amarillo.

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Arizona on Monday with Mikie and Lory, spent a couple days in Phoenix, and then headed to our first out-of-region ride!

Pole Canyon CTR – TX

After spending a night in Albuquerque, we arrived at the Pole Canyon CTR Thursday afternoon. The ride manager, Alanna, gave me a most memorable welcome-to-Texas hug which really set the tone for our adventure! The ranch had gone out of its way to accommodate the ride, and we were all able to get stalls, open 12 x 12's.

Something new to me was that the horse identifier number was put on a piece of trail ribbon, and you were to braid it into the horse's mane in case the horse got loose in the middle of the night. We used baling twine to tie buckets in the stalls. Later I came up with a great little bucket hanger strap. I wasn't used to using stalls at competitions, but it turned out to be nice.

Lory, Caden, and I rode the Saturday trail. The day's temperature peaked in the high 90's. Although we

all finished the first day, Mikie was a little distressed. He became more withdrawn as the afternoon went on, but we hoped he would brighten. We had trouble getting a vet, and finally about 11 p.m., Lory decided to take him to a great vet and hospital in Amarillo, an hour and a half drive. Lory returned to camp.

Caden and I finished Sunday's trail. After awards Caden's parents took Caden and her horse, Chloe, to their new residence in Texas. Mikie had made it through the night; a colic brought on by dehydration, probably from travel stress and our choice to feed Bermuda hay for the trip, a change from their alfalfa rich diet at home.

Since Mikie was ready to check out of the hospital by Sunday afternoon, we decided to pack up, pick up Mikie and spend the night in Amarillo.

There is a little tourist trap called the Big Texan in Amarillo. It's cheap, right on I-40, has a decent restaurant, and a secured large barn. It was a welcome change to have a large hot shower and the horses out of the wind that had started to pick up. We had heard that a storm was coming through, but I couldn't believe that we woke up to snow on Monday morning and a low of 36 degrees. This turned out to be our first "Every kick is a boost" event: something bad (Mikie's colic) turns into something good (not spending the night at Pole Canyon in a nasty storm).

Our next overnight was near Stillwater, OK. There is a wonderful web site called [horsehotels.com](#). Although I was the driving



Karen and Smokey check out a Mammoth Caves cave.

force (my truck and all), Lory was an excellent navigator, and it was her job when we figured out about how far we would be driving, to look up an overnight place and call for availability. This worked beautifully for our entire adventure.

We had a weekend off before Uwharrie, and since the Walls are considering moving to Kentucky, we took this 2-week opportunity to view the state. We tried to leave at the crack of dawn to make Kentucky early, but I had parked on some soft dirt, and the weight of full trailer was too much for the truck to pull out. Embarrassingly, a Chevy pulled my Ford out and we were on our way. I also introduced Lory to Tractor Supply where we purchased bagged shavings before entering the park where (we were told) shavings were very expensive.

Land Between the Lakes – Wranglers Campground, KY

What a wonderful park! Beautiful camping sites, covered pole stalls, miles of well-marked trails with dogwoods in bloom. We encountered a new training terrain for our Southwestern horses – MUD. Avoiding a large bog, my horse scraped my leg into a tree. I was

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Karen and Smokey on the trail at Mammoth Caves.



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- (1) NATRC Membership dues must be received and
- (2) Horse's accurate breed information must be on file with the NATRC Office. www.natrc.org
- (3) In addition, National breed associations sponsoring year-end awards require that all the equines must be registered with the "association" and "participant(s)" must maintain their "association" membership.

Any doubt? Email Laurie (natrc@natrc.org) for NATRC membership verification and Cheri (Jeffcoat.cheri@gmail.com) or Colleen (colleenw@myvedl.com) for breed verification. Contact your own breed association if you have questions for them.

Rule Tidbit...

Pass on an Obstacle

Did you know you can pass on any obstacle you feel is beyond the ability of you or your horse? For the sake of competition, you will lose one more point than whoever does it the worst, but it might be the best decision for you and/or your horse that day.

Reminder

If a NATRC horse (that has competed) has been bought or sold, the mileage will not go with that horse unless the buyer or seller notifies the National Office that the horse has changed hands. We need the current and past owners' names, breed and

registration number (if applicable) in order to move the mileage to the new owner.

If you change your name, please notify the National Office so we can put your mileage with your current name.

If you see that your name or your horse's name is incor-

rect in the *Hoof Print* – please notify the National Office and ask for a correction. The RMS is a privately owned and maintained system. If you corrected a name on the RMS System, it will NOT be corrected on the National database until you notify us of the change.

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very glad I had packed a large assortment and sizes of Band-Aids, otherwise we would have tried to figure out how to get me to an ER for stitches. Two more things I learned from LBTL – always pack S'mores and a half and half mixture of diesel fuel and motor oil for starting and keeping campfires going.

Mammoth Caves – KY

One of six ranches donating a vacation to the NATRC raffle, Mammoth Caves had a large, clean barn; easily accessible campsites; clean and spacious bathroom facilities; nice arena; beautiful, wide, well marked trails; and even a little more mud for us to practice on.

Stampede Run Campground – KY

Our last Kentucky play stay was at a great little place right next to the Daniel Boone National Forest. It was also the only rain day of our entire trip. We spent a wonderfully relaxing day under a Ramada watching the horses chill out in their stalls as we meticulously cleaned all our tack. I even ordered pizza for one of our dinners and made them laugh when I tried to get a beer. I hadn't realized we were in a dry county.

Uwharrie CTR – NC

We arrived at the campground late Thursday afternoon. A beautiful venue, but a little disconcerting as the stalls I thought I had reserved were not the stalls we got. There is definitely a home court advantage when riding out of your region. The whole trip hopefully made Lory and me better ride managers, and I would highly suggest a "new to the ride" liaison person to help out newbies or travelers to your ride.

Andrea, the ride secretary, was absolutely wonderful. Getting the horses settled took longer than expected, and I found out I can't park my rig in the dark. Again the horses were in stalls, and we were asked to leave halters available for the vet judge for examining horses. My Pony Club stable management upbringing kicked in. I didn't have a leather hal-

ter with me, and although my horse is very good in his stall, I did not want to leave a non-break away halter attached to the gate of the stall. I settled the dilemma by putting my hand truck outside our stalls as a tack rack. I now carry a break away halter in the trailer.

This ride was tough, made even worse by the day riders (not part of the ride) who thought it was funny to re-mark the trail. Lory and I got lost several times even with the great ride maps because trail ribbons had been switched, and we were not familiar with the area. The last night we were there, we were under a tornado warning. Protocol for wildfires and tornadoes is to turn the horses loose. Although nothing happened in North Carolina, I decided to get an engraved dog tag with my horse's name and my phone number and braid it into his mane for the rest of the journey.

Our next night's stay was at a magnificent facility outside of Atlanta. It had beautiful pastures for the horses to romp in – with GRASS – and a grand two-story indoor barn.

The next day we found out how useful a CVS minute clinic can be for a prescription of antibiotics. We had also found out how great Walmarts can be. Their parking lots are big enough to drive a rig in; most rural ones carry horse items; the automotive department will check tires; the eye department will tighten sunglass hinges; the grocery department is well stocked; there is a good selection of clothing; and if you ask real nice, you get paper bags, useful when you poultice your horse's legs after a ride. The land of plenty! The only thing Walmarts don't have for travelling adventurers are laundromats. The stories of laundromats on this journey are a whole chapter in themselves.

In the next issue.....Without a Trace, Navajo Lake and more.....



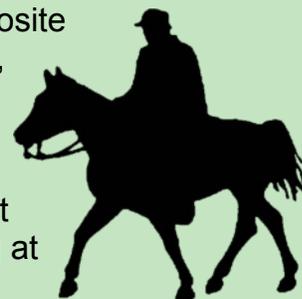
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Equitation Tips- Posting the Trot

By Priscilla Lindsey,
Horsemanship Judge and
Centered Riding Instructor

Posting correctly is important. Be sure the stirrup length is correct so there is some bend in the knees when seated. The leg position should place the ankle joint directly below the hip joint. The pelvis should be vertical - not tipped back with the lower back rounded, nor tipped forward with the lower back hollowed. While posting, "lead with the center" - taking the pelvis forward toward the horse's ears and then softly lowering it back. Posting should be more of a forward motion rather than an up and down motion. The rider hardly needs to rise out of the saddle much at all. This makes it almost effortless and easy to do for miles and miles.

Remember to change diagonals on a regular basis. As the horse's rear leg comes forward, it pushes the rider forward. If the same rear leg does the work all the time, it can become fatigued and can also lead to soundness issues on the opposite fore leg, the leg that travels with that hind leg at a trot.



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A Way to

"Pay it Forward"

By Mary Dukes, NATRC Region 5

There are many ways that each of us can assist our ride managers. Volunteering to help with tasks before, during and after the ride; assisting with paperwork, etc. Personally, I like to win prizes at the rides. Granted, I am fairly new to this sport, but I have been involved in different equine and canine competitions since I was 9 years old. (I am in my 50's now, I will leave the math to you.) I STILL love a big ol' rosette or trophy item. Last year I won a hay bag with a leather plate attached to commemorate the win — I loved it. Even though I have garnered many trophies and ribbons over the years, I still like to win them!

I have heard that some of the experienced NATRC riders don't care much about ribbons and trophies unless it's something useful or don't care at all, it's all about the points, but I'm here to tell you that this newbie (and I'm sure I'm not the only one) still looks

forward to trying to score high enough to get a placement ribbon at the end of the ride.

So, instead of just bemoaning the fact that many rides don't offer much in the way of ribbons and prizes, I plan myself to start a practice which is fairly common in the dog show world: sponsoring awards. At last year's Ride the Edge ride in Tennessee, I was fortunate enough to win both Novice Sweepstakes and High Score Novice Combined. This year, I am sponsoring what I refer to as "big ol' obscene horse rosettes" for both of these awards. (See photo.) I've taken the responsibility to have them made, paid for, and shipped straight to the ride manager.

In dogs, particularly in breed clubs, it is considered good sportsmanship for the winner of a major award to sponsor that same award the following year. I am hoping to offer awards at the same rides the following year if I win 1st in either Condition or Horsemanship, or

higher. Now granted this may be a rare occurrence as it requires a win on my part, but it is a small way for me to "pay it forward."

Additionally, the awards can be anything as long as it is cleared with the ride manager. I personally am a sucker for rosettes and I have a source that I know through dogs who does gorgeous work at a very reasonable price. Hence, I will be providing rosettes. But, if ceramics is your thing, go for it! The possibilities are endless: embroidered chairs, hay bags, trophy halters, etc. Use your imagination! Also, if ride managers have trophy items already in place that are historically offered each year, you can offer to cover the cost of the item.

I hope this will inspire others to follow my lead. Ride managers have enough on their plates without the concern of spending money on and worrying about trophies and ribbons. This is a way that we as members and riders can take on some of that burden to benefit all.



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Thank You to My NATRC Family

By Stephanie Swain Region 1

Those who have been around NATRC for awhile will likely have heard the term "NATRC family." I have heard it and felt it for several years now, but this past weekend, my NATRC family really showed me what it means.

My horse Palistar came into the lunch stop on Saturday at the Round Valley ride seemingly feeling ok. He took a long drink, was cooling down and had started eating his lunch. I was standing near him eating my lunch when suddenly he rocked back on his haunches. I quickly untied him as he began staggering, hind legs knuckling under, his neck stretched out and twisted, eyes rolling and tongue hanging out of his mouth. My immediate thought was that he was either suffering a stroke or a major artery rupture/heart attack, and was about to drop dead.

Thank God that didn't happen, and thanks to my NATRC family, my horse and I got all the support we needed to get him to the care he needed.

We sponged and poured water over him to cool him further. Jordan, one of the juniors, left her sponge to help out. Eventually his pain decreased and he stabilized enough to trailer him back to camp and a waiting vet. Thank you, Kathy Campbell, for being there to take care of me and my horse, and driving the ambulance trailer that got us back to camp.

The on-call vet examined him and got Pali a bit more comfortable and started him on some IV fluids in preparation for me to transport him to UC Davis Large Animal Hospital for diagnosis and treatment.

While waiting for the fluid drip to finish, my best friend Davern noticed that one of my trailer tires was basically shredded. (Continued on [page 13](#))



Riders traverse a hay field with the ride's namesake in the background at the Bald Mountain Butt Buster Ride in Wasilla, Alaska.

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Thank you, my dear, for being observant when my mind was too otherwise occupied to notice. Further disaster averted! Huge thanks go to Steve Meroshnekoff, Ben Grasso, Chris Heath and Gene Boicelli for getting my tire changed in a hurry.

Thanks to "Angie's girls," Kirsten, Karlie, and Haley (I think - sorry if I have the wrong name!), for taking my tent down and getting it packed while I was struggling to get my camp taken down and all my gear stowed. I felt like it was taking forever for me to get ready to take Pali to help.

Thanks to Donna Stidolph who took over for Davern and was a good "mom" making sure I ate my dinner before leaving, knowing that I would forget to eat otherwise. Thank you to Angie Meroshnekoff for babysitting Pali so I could pack and eat and get ready to go.

And big thanks to everyone there in camp for your emotional support and concern. Anyone I didn't name, please know that I appreciate the closeness of our group and your part in it. THAT is what NATRC family is all about!

We finally got out of camp and on our way, arriving at UC Davis a couple hours later. As it turned out, all of the initial colic diagnostics (blood, belly tap, ultrasound, x-rays) were, in the words of the vets at UC Davis, "unremarkable." Pali received additional fluids through the night and was scoped the following morning, which was when they found two ulcers which they said could cause him such sudden and extreme pain.

Pali is home now and on Gastroguard for 30 days to treat his ulcers. He will be scoped again after his treatment to verify that the ulcers have healed completely. The vets assured me that he should be back in action in time for our next scheduled ride in August.

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To Clip or Not To Clip: Information From Veterinarians About Where to Clip and Why

By Cris Ballard

At the January Arizona STAR Ride, horses and mules were checked in with diverse clip patterns. Seizing on a good educational opportunity for our NATRC family, I walked around camp and asked the owners for permission to photograph their clipped equines and their reasoning for their clip patterns. After the ride, I found four vet judges in different regions who agreed to provide feedback on the clip-job pictures and their opinions on the benefits of clipping.

Accompanying each photo are comments from Greg Fellers, DVM, of R2, Kay Gunckel, DVM, of R3, and Stephanie Ostrowski, DVM, and Carrie Porter, DVM, of R5.

All of the judges agreed that the major reason for clipping is to prevent overheating and related metabolic stress on the equine, as well as to speed the cooling process during early spring competitions before natural shedding has occurred. The vets were generally in agreement about the areas that should be clipped: the major arterial areas (where the jugular veins are, from throat-latch area to thoracic inlet), inside the upper arms and upper hind legs (shoulder to elbow and stifle to gaskin), as well as the abdomen and flanks.

There were some differing opinions about clipping over major muscle groups. Dr. Gunckel felt it was important to clip "over major muscle groups, especially with heavily-muscled horses." Dr. Ostrowski's feelings were to "avoid clipping the hair over the haunches (unless you ride with a haunch heater attached to your saddle) in favor of sponging those areas when additional cooling assistance is needed during the ride."

An alternate technique for cooling one's mount, if the rider doesn't want to clip certain areas or is unable to clip their mount, was provided by Dr. Porter. She suggested that a way to avoid water becoming warm when entrapped in a long coat, riders can "sponge their horse, then scrape off the water after 2-3 minutes and brush the hair coat opposite its normal direction to increase air circulation on the surface of the skin, thereby cooling the horse."

All vets were in agreement that riders should avoid clipping in areas where the tack will be contacting the equine's body.

Additional consideration was mentioned by all four judges about riders' keeping in mind how much work may be involved in keeping their equines warm in colder weather, both at the rides and when they are back home. Dr. Porter put it best when she said, "each owner needs to understand the commitment to blanketing that will be required depending on the amount of hair coat removed and the geographic location of the horse after the ride. There are many horses that carry a heavy winter coat that do quite well at rides and even claim sweepstakes for that matter. The key beneath the hair coat is the conditioning that the rider and horse completed over the winter. Consider the comparison to proper uphill rider posture to help the horse advance up a hill. Your horse will get to the top of the hill with or without this aid but it is just that, an aid that limits sore backs and excess strain. Same can be said for clipping. If your horse is in shape, with or without clipping, their heart rate will be more controlled than a horse that enjoyed the winter off." Dr. Ostrowski pointed out that there are many books available to learn more about "hunter" and "trace" clipping techniques that have proven effective for hundreds of years.

Now, having been given the information about where and why to clip in a particular area, I invite the readers to look at each of the following pictures, one by one, and evaluate the clip jobs. After evaluating the first picture, for example, read what the rider's goal was and what the vet judges had to say. Does your assessment match the vets' evaluations?

NOTE: All photos were taken in a desert environment during the months of January and March. Riders should have anticipated experiencing warm days (mid-70s) and cold nights (low 40s-high 30s) during the weekend of these rides. Comments expressed by the veterinarians were solely based upon looking at the photos and without direct knowledge of the equines shown or their living conditions at home. If riders have questions about appropriate areas to clip, relative to their own equines, they should consult their personal veterinarian.



1. Rider Goal: Cut enough hair off to cool the horse in neck area without cutting off too much, which would require blanketing.
Fellers: The rider's goal of the least amount of clipping to gain the greatest amount of cooling is the right approach. In the future, however, only the ventral aspect of the neck over the major blood vessels needs to be clipped for this to be accomplished (see "Picture 3").

Gunckel: This is a nice clip that makes his head and neck look nice. It is functional for cooling over his jugular area. The horse's coat isn't extremely long so the majority of his body should be fine and keep him comfortable when put back in the pasture at home.

Ostrowski: This looks like an appropriately conservative clip job for a pastured horse that will not be blanketed at home and not be overly stressed during competition.

Porter: Removing the hair coat over the jugular vein and neck will definitely aid in cooling, and when sponged with water, will reduce the entrapment of heat that rapidly warming water in a long hair coat can be prone to do.



2. Rider Goal: Shaved everywhere but legs and where tack goes to allow horse to cool off faster and have easier clean up at end of day.

Fellers: Shaving over the ventral abdomen does not provide much gain for cooling purposes. Shaving the legs from knees and hocks down will achieve greater cooling and will contribute towards easier clean up.

Gunckel: The neck clip is nice to refine this horse's head and neck. The entire neck does not have to be clipped - just over the jugular region. Tack area is covered with hair to prevent saddle and cinch galls and wear; however, clipping the entire belly area could cause

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the horse to get chilled.

Ostrowski: Apparently this rider anticipates that her horse will need more cooling capability at this competition – perhaps faster pace and longer distance. This horse will be less able to adapt to wind and rain at home and may need to be blanketed overnight, or stalled, until the weather is reliably warm.

Porter: Good idea on this clip job to address the abdomen which is a major site of heat dissipation and sweat. This rider touched on the practical side of clipping a winter coat which is the ease of cleaning. Depending on the climate that this horse resides, it may be fine without extreme blanketing since the major muscle groups are still covered. The rider has explored the benefits of clipping for cooling while maintaining a practical clip for spring.



3. Rider Goal: Just shaved the chest area for heat dissipation and to reduce the need for blanketing.

Fellers: This is what I was referring to in my comments on "Picture 1". As was done here, only the ventral aspect of the neck along its whole length from jaw to chest is needed.

Gunckel: This is a heavily coated mule. Clipping the jugular region is a good idea to help with cooling. The rider could have also clipped up the inside of the front legs, which would not require the mule to be blanketed after the ride.

Ostrowski: This looks like an appropriately conservative clip job appropriate for a pastured equine that will not usually be blanketed at home.

Porter: The owner's concern for blanketing is warranted and I would rather have a clip job border on the conservative side than not. While the benefit of minimal clipping over the jugular region may also be minimal for cooling effects compared to the full body or abdomen clip, the removal of hair is merely an aid to help the horse cool faster and become comfortable sooner.



4. Rider Goal: Clip pattern was used to cool arteries.

Fellers: Unfortunately, this clip pattern did not achieve the rider's objective. Major muscle groups over the back legs and abdomen of the horse are exposed to the cold, while the major blood vessels close to the surface along the ventral neck and lower legs are left with the coat covering them.

Gunckel: This horse requires more clipping in the jugular area and less off of the rump region. This is a very hairy, older horse. Clipping this horse is a good idea to help with cooling, but muscle cramping in older horses can be a greater concern when muscle groups get fatigued and cold.

Ostrowski: This is like a high trace clip – should cool down well during competition and be easier to clean up afterwards, but will need more careful management at home so the horse does not get chilled/colicky from wind and cold night temperatures.

Porter: This rider has addressed the abdomen of the horse but is now extending it to the larger muscles of the hindquarters. The amount of heat dissipation will increase, but depending on the climate the horse returns to, a blanket routine may have to be considered. It is always a good idea to leave the remaining coat over the rump as it will prevent excess heat from dissipating and leading to muscle cramping and discomfort. This is usually more important in the high speed competitions such as cross country and endurance, hence why "rump rugs" are a common sight before and after competition.



5. Rider Goal: Clip pattern was meant to cool heart/chest and digestive areas.

Fellers: The idea of clipping is to get as much heat transfer to the surface as possible. Clipping over the chest or abdomen will not cool what is deep inside. Here, exposing the muscles on the shoulders and rear legs can lead to muscle cramps, or worse.

Gunckel: This unique clip is also functional with cooling over the jugular and chest region without the horse needing to be blanketed later. The owner also has left hair for coverage in the saddle areas to protect the horse from being chaffed.

Ostrowski: Conservative clip which provides improved cooling (jugular vein area) and easy to clean areas where most of the sweat and dirt collect during competition.

Porter: This clip job addresses the jugular region and a bit of the lower limb musculature but overall, it does not probably vary too much from "Picture 3". It does have a more aesthetic appeal compared to others here.



6. Rider Goal: Clipped areas to help cool heart/chest, digestive areas and muscles.

Fellers: The question might be just how hot do you expect it to be? Clipping the legs rather than over the rump will 1) achieve more efficient cooling, 2) not expose large muscle groups to cold air, and 3) allow for easier cleanup of the legs.

Gunckel: This is a very heavily-coated and heavily-muscled horse. The clip for this horse was very good because it will help with cooling over both the major arteries and major muscle groups. All saddle areas are protected and covered with hair. A very well done clip job!

Ostrowski: Apparently this rider anticipates that his/her horse will need more cooling capability at this competition – perhaps faster pace and longer distance. This horse will be significantly less able to endure cold temperatures so the rider will need to be more pro-active about horse's comfort for weeks to come.

Porter: This horse is clipped for maximum heat dissipation and will most likely require a blanketing routine based on its living environment. It is common for the area of tack contact to be covered with a hair coat since depending on the tack type (neoprene vs. wool), a clipped hair coat can be more sensitive to heat galls or rubs.

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7. Rider Goal: Shaved all of body except head, legs, where saddle goes and hips to protect kidneys so that these stay warm & functioning.

Fellers: The kidneys are under the spine and rib cage probably at least 6" from the surface. No need to worry about them temperature wise. I still would have left the hair over the upper rear end and shaved off from the knees and hocks down.

Gunckel: This heavily-muscled horse really needed to be clipped for effective cooling of arteries and muscle groups. This extra clipping will require that he be blanketed when he returns home.

Ostrowski: This clip should minimize heat stress and clean up well. He may be significantly less able to adapt to wind, rain, and cold night temperatures after returning home.

Porter: This type of clip job is most effective for competitive trail. The neck and the abdomen are free of hair for maximum cooling but the large muscle of the back and

rump are still covered to prevent excess heat loss when the horse returns home. Depending on the climate and the horse/mule, it will probably require blanketing during the seasonal cold spells.



8. Rider Goal: Just wanted a decorative design and because the horse has "heart." ☺

Fellers: I like this approach! Just be careful not to make the design so large that you are super cooling the gluteus area.

Gunckel: Love this cute heart on the horse's butt!!!!

Ostrowski: Cute! Clip appears older, as hair appears to be halfway grown out.

Porter: I love the creativity! Yes, I have definitely taken the fun route for clipping and why not? That is what owning horses, or any pet for that matter, is all about!

I hope that you have gained a better understanding of how you may effectively and efficiently clip your mount for distance riding. As cautioned earlier, if you have any questions specific to clipping your own equine, please consult your local veterinarian. Each region has its own terrain and climate conditions. These factors should be taken into consideration when you think about which areas of your mount should be clipped and which areas should be left alone.

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Sustainable Trail Work with BCHK

By Erin Glassman, NATRC Trails Advocacy Chair

Kanopolis State Park, near Marquette, KS, is a spectacular park in central Kansas that holds many unique and beautiful terrain and landscapes that one might not expect to find in a state that is incorrectly termed as "flat." "Flat" the trails are not; they are found winding over a lot of rolling hills and sandstone canyons cut within the region. Although some areas are rocky, the soil is made up of a lot of sand and sandy loam. This can be a



benefit when it rains because the soil drains fairly quickly, but also a detriment when we discuss sustainability in trail design. Water, while it is mainly friend to the environment there, can also play the role of foe, especially for trails that go down hills with the fall line (the direction that water flows down a hillside), which, unfortunately, is how lot of the trails were put in at the park.

Enter a new group to the region: Back Country Horsemen of Kansas (BCHK), the newest chapter for Back

Country Horsemen of America (BCHA.) We are a group starting out with a membership made up of North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) members and American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) members as well as a strong membership coming from other disciplines throughout the state.

Whatever our background in horses, we all have come together to step up and do our part in keeping trails open in Kansas, much like the other state chapters do for theirs.

One of the first projects we have tackled is helping to find repairs or reroutes for some of these trails that have become severely eroded in the park, some of which have become quite dangerous. We scheduled a work day for the early part of June this year. The particular part of the trail that we were working on was not far from a day use parking lot, but it has become so deep from erosion that the trail comes up to at least the belly on most horses, which could lead to serious trouble should a horse act up and try to get out of the claustrophobic rut.

At one point last year, one of the maintenance men from the park took a skid steer loader and scraped out a wider groove for trail users to pass just so that it would not be quite as dangerous. The sentiment was nice, but the appearance of that segment of the trail was not, if you can imagine.

Working with Wendy Bowles, a state park employee who is in charge of the trails at KSP, we came up with a reroute that moves people away from using the dangerous downslope and flows more with the contour of the land and should be far more sustainable in design. We had a smaller working group this round due to other summer activities, but we had a great group consisting of

NATRC and AERC members, some of whom are dual memberships. One of the new segments of trail needed to be placed along the side of a hill. We determined that in order to get water to flow over it rather than down it, we would need to put in a partial bench cut into the hillside. We worked both days of the weekend, primarily in the morning to avoid the heat on this segment. Maddox Axes, McLeod's and shovels were in action, as we rapidly figured out a flow that worked best for getting the work done.

When all was said and done, our little workgroup had benched a significant length of trail into the terrain. With the rolling dips and nicks we cut into it, water should stay far off that trail, leading to a far longer-lived solution than what we could have tried to patch into the old trail. We still need to do a few more minor details before that new segment is opened up to the public, and we have quite a few more problem areas to tackle, but we are on our way to helping make the trails usable for many more years at Kanopolis.

I stand to benefit from this as a trail user and a ride manager. This helps me to put on both NATRC and AERC rides out there in the future, and helps you to get out there and ride! I challenge you to engage in trail work with other groups to help keep all of us horseback riders on the trails, too!



Strategic Plan:

Mapping the Money Trail



By Elaine Swiss, Treasurer

One of the most critical components needed for a successful day on the competitive trail is a well-constructed map. While a rider may be able to read trail markers, follow earlier riders' hoof prints or navigate from memory, it is a risky endeavor to venture onto the trail without a useful map. The same concepts apply to managing the finances of an organization. Without a sound business strategy, which is the map for the money trail, an organization can get into financial trouble.

At its July Board meeting, the National directors spent more than 12 hours over two days deliberating the strategic direction for NATRC. The decisions made provide not only the foundation for the upcoming year's budget, but also the framework for investing

in specific activities that will insure the health of NATRC into the future.

For example, the Board evaluated many strategic alternatives to improve the NATRC competition experience, increase NATRC brand awareness, increase ride attendance and membership, and develop meaningful, working partnerships with other equestrian organizations. Ultimately, the Board approved several strategic initiatives in which to potentially invest funds after soliciting feedback from the members.

Some of those initiatives include improved national recognition of the Competitive Pleasure division, addition of a Member Loyalty Program, continued investment in the Horse Radio Network, creation and distribution of educational DVDs and on-line videos, website optimization, and specific joint projects with the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC).

If these strategic initiatives are endorsed by the members and approved at the November National Board meeting, then bud-

geting becomes an easy and meaningful exercise in allocating existing as well as new funds in these projects.

NATRC is currently on solid financial footing. In total there is more than \$350,000 available to invest in carefully planned and well-staffed projects. This year the organization's revenues are exceeding its expenses for the January through June period. NATRC is also meeting its budget for the first six months of the year. However, not all is perfect as revenue for the first six months is less than that of last year by 15% primarily due to lower membership, lower ride attendance and less raffle income than in 2013.

It is the Strategic Plan, the money trail map, which links these current financial results with the desired financial outcomes of the future. Increased membership and ride attendance are strategic imperatives for NATRC. The map is drawn. Let us each get a copy and follow it together.

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From Cheri Jeffcoat, Chair,
Points and Data

North American Trail Ride Conference

Profit & Loss

	Total		
	Jan - Jun 2014	Jan - Jun 2013 (PY)	Change
Income			
40000 Memberships	21768	23513	(1,745)
40010 Platinum Membership Upgrade	1716	1680	36
41000 Rides	13354	15817	(2,463)
42000 Product Sales	144	151	(7)
43000 Sponsorships	3408	4344	(937)
43500 Raffles	1954	6098	(4144)
44000 Hoofprint Ads/Subscriptions	434	668	(234)
45000 Convention and Awards	6554	6407	146
45500 Judge Fee	15		15
46000 Trail Advocacy		500	(500)
47000 Donations	209	1385	(1176)
47500 Scholarship Donations	865		865
48000 Other Income	1	0	441
49000 Interest Income	1611	1644	(35)
Unapplied Cash Payment Income		100	(100)
Total Income	\$52,031	\$62,309	\$10,277
Gross Profit	\$52,031	\$62,309	\$ (10277)
Expenses			
*Uncategorized Expenses		0	0
50000 Member Dues to Regions	5893	7025	(1132)
50500 Platinum Membership Upgrades	2648	1340	1308
51000 Ride Costs	977	564	412
52000 Clinic Expenses	400	500	(100)
53000 Product Costs	380		380
54000 Marketing	1915	274	1642
54300 Raffle	54	1613	(1559)
54500 Hoofprint	2746	1966	780
55000 Convention and Award Expenses	6859	3807	3052
56500 Staff Expenses	13227	20967	(7739)
57000 Administrative	6187	5609	578
58000 Scholarships/Student Loans	2000		2000
59000 Other Expense	126	26	100
Total Expenses	\$43,412	\$43,691	\$ (279)
Net Operating Income	\$8,619	\$18,618	\$9,999
Net Income	\$8,619	\$18,618	\$9999

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www.natrc.org

4-H Junior Rider Year End High Point Award

To encourage participation by 4-H members, NATRC offers a 4-H Junior Rider Year End High Point Award.

- The award goes to the high point rider and high point horse **regardless** of the rider's division.
- The award is a self-nominating award. The nomination must occur before the end of the ride year, which is the second Sunday in November. This year, it will be November 9, 2014.
- The rider must (1) be a member of NATRC (2) send Laurie DiNatale an email (natrc@natrc.org) stating that they are a 4-H member and (3) have their 4-H leader verify that they are a member with an email to Laurie DiNatale (natrc@natrc.org).

In a number of states (Colorado is one example), 4-H now recognizes competitive trail riding as an activity that qualifies as a 4-H member's project.

Questions?
 Contact Angie Meroshneoff,
awhitedog@aol.com.
 Chair, Riders and Juniors
 Committee

Rule Tidbit...

Stabling Options

Ride management can offer a variety of, or limited number of, stabling options. As long as the options are **available for all**, the rider may use any of those offered. The consensus is that different stabling options (tied to trailer, tied to overhead trailer-mounted ties, tied to a sliding tether, etc.) offer no competitive advantage, and that a rider should be able to choose what's best for the horse - within the limits of what ride management and/or the facility can offer. Portable corrals are allowed, at the discretion of ride management; they must be securely anchored to the trailer or a tree. It's up to the horsemanship judge to evaluate the safety and appropriateness of each set-up.

Stabling – Portable Corrals

Can two horses be stabled in one portable corral? There isn't a rule that covers this, and we hate to make a rule for every situation that comes along. However, this is **not** a good practice. It would be very hard to tell if and how much each horse was eating, drinking, peeing and pooping. Also - although the horses might be used to being stabled together, they might take objection to being in such close quarters.

North American Trail Ride Conference Balance Sheet

	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
10100 First Bank Checking #8697	29,855
10200 First Bank Liquid Assets #2485	148,576
10300 First Bank Student L/S #2493	88,947
11000 Foundation Accounts	80,602
12100 NATRC, Inc CD #2/Merrill Lynch	0
12200 NATRC, Inc. CD/Merrill Lynch	0
12300 NATRC, Inc. --Merrill Lynch EMA	0
14000 Student Loan/scholarship CD/ML	0
15000 Student loans/scholarship M/L	0
16000 Trails Dev- Merrill Lynch Acct	0
Total Bank Accounts	\$347980
Accounts Receivable	
20000 Cash Basis Accounts Receivable*	0
Total Accounts Receivable	\$0
Other current assets	
31000 Student Loans Receivable	0
Total Other current assets	\$0
Total Current Assets	\$347980
TOTAL ASSETS	\$347980
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
36000 Cash Basis Accounts Payable*	0
Total Accounts Payable	\$0
Other Current Liabilities	
36100 *Sales Tax Payable	0
36200 Accrued Expenses	0
36300 Due to Foundation	0
36500 Ride Management Support Fund	42,568
37000 Trail Grants	0
38000 Federal Payroll Taxes Payable	501
38900 State Payroll Taxes Payable	117
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$43186
Total Current Liabilities	\$43186
Total Liabilities	\$43186
Equity	
34100 Due From NATRC (deleted)	0
34300 Foundation Equity	-840
34350 Foundation Earnings	3
39004 Retained Equity	244,048
Retained Earnings	52,964
Net Income	8,619
Total Equity	\$304794
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$347980

SAFETY RIDERS – OUR SAFETY NET

By Larry Gould, Safety Chair



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We all know that safety riders are important, but few of us know how much they actually are responsible for. Below are the guidelines found in the Management Manual and reprinted here for your convenience.

Listed below are the guidelines that NATRC provides to safety riders. Certainly, not every safety rider can abide by every guideline, but ride management should strive to appoint safety riders that can fill most of the guidelines. State required health papers (certificates, Coggins test, etc.) should be checked on each safety equine. ***A copy of these guidelines should be presented to the safety riders and reviewed with them a few days in advance of the ride to be assured that the safety riders are adequate for the task.***

1. A minimum of two (2) **adult** riders to follow behind competitors on the trail to assist horse and/or rider (Rule Book, Sec. 3.B.7). Recommend two (2) riders behind Open and two (2) behind CP/Novice if the divisions are using separate trails.
2. Safety riders must attend all ride briefings and receive additional information as necessary from the trailmaster or ride chair.
3. Should be familiar with the trails and know how to get to connecting roadways in case other help is needed.
4. Should wear identification (such as a colored vest).
5. Must be mounted on a well-conditioned equine at least 4 years old and capable of making the entire day's ride. Equine should be steady, reliable, capable of being ridden double, able to "pony" another equine and pull with a rope (western saddle recommended). Stallions must be carefully evaluated, along with their riders, before being allowed to ride in the safety position.
6. Should be experienced enough to recognize and handle equine suffering from fatigue. Safety equine will have P&Rs taken to ensure they are not too stressed to continue.
7. Should maintain a reasonable distance from the last rider in order to not interfere with competition; however, should keep the last rider in sight.
8. Should report problems on the trail to ride chairman, trailmaster, judges and/or P&R chair.
9. Should carry messages to the next available P&R team, judge, and/or timers of any equine which has pulled at any point.
10. Should carry map, timing sheet (distance between points) and rider roster.
11. Should 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!
12. Should carry radios (when available) to maintain communications with management.
13. Should carry extra lead rope, knife, pliers and other reasonable emergency tools.
14. Should NOT pull ribbons since there is always a chance that a rider has gotten off trail and may be behind the safety riders.

Photo at top of page: Safety riders Jackie Hathorn and Margaret Johnson hard at work at the Eagle Ranch ride, R6.

NATRC Student Loan Program

Student loans are available up to \$5,000 per person /year, at the discretion of the NATRC National Board of Directors, after proper application has been submitted.

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 Administrator at natrc@natrc.org, or download [NATRC Student Loan Application](#).

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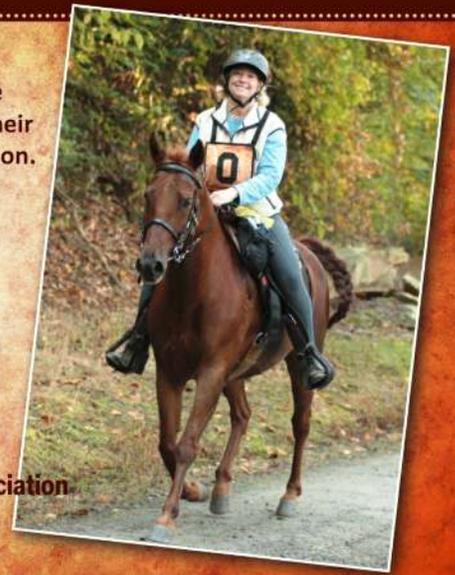
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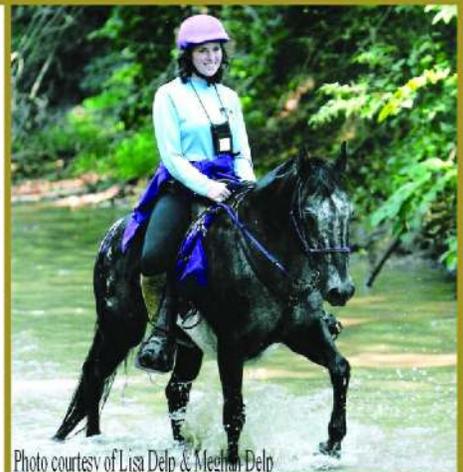


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How to Make Your Ride A

Success!

By Jean Green, Ride Management Chair

Ride Chair

- Read the Management Manual available at NATRC.org and follow the guidelines provided.
- Pick your key personnel carefully and stay in communication with them.
- Have a theme for your ride - make it fun. Examples: scavenger hunt, Easter egg hunt, poker run.
- Do a local press release to encourage some new riders. Appoint a publicity chair to handle this.
- Delegate! You cannot do everything yourself. If you have an idea, immediately start thinking of someone to implement it other than yourself. There are people willing and eager to help if you just ask them.

Secretary

- Read the ride secretary section of Management Manual available at NATRC.org and ask questions if you do not understand.
- If you are using the RMS online, familiarize yourself with it early. Learn how to do the reports, labels, riders lists, etc well before the ride. Get help from your regional RMS administrator or me.

- If you use the Excel spreadsheet, familiarize yourself with it right away and start entering your riders into it as you receive the entries.
- If parts of the RMS are too confusing, you can do any part of your job “the old way” - such as hand labeling scorecards, checking in without using a laptop, etc. Just use the best of each.
- **However, if you have riders enter online, and you type the ride officials, scores and placings into the RMS, you can simply notify the office when you are done and not have to send in ride reports. You don't even have to have the MS Office programs on your computer!**
- Coordinate with the ride chair and trail master on materials to put in the packets. Riders really like to get a list of the riders, Saturday's map, and a schedule of events (times for vet checks, briefings, meals, etc) in their packets.
- Put special instructions for first time riders in their packets.
- Remember to prepare packets for the rules interpreter, judges, P&R chair, drivers and timer with maps and

required forms and information.

- How about name tags for key personnel, and new riders - or for everybody!

Trail Master

- Have someone who has never ridden the trail to pre-ride it and mark everywhere they get the slightest bit confused.
- Mark all turns with 3 ribbons, or different colored ribbons.
- Make all point markers large enough to be noticed at a fast trot in the rain!
- Keep the trail briefing as short as possible. Point out key points, hazards and water along the trail. Give times and mileages loud and clear several times. If you use regional terms, explain what they are (“gap”, “tank” etc.).

Jean Green,
Management Chair
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“Distance riding isn't for everyone, but it might be right for you!”

—Elaine Swiss

Silly Stuff: An E-Mail Exchange

By Sara Baldwin and
Wayne Tolbert

This article originally appeared as an e-mail exchange between two long-time NATRC riders on Region 5's Facebook group. We feel there is a lot of value to be shared by other NATRC riders despite the non-traditional format. — *Media Advisory Committee*

On Jul 6, 2014 Sara Baldwin wrote:

Cheri, and Wayne, here is the Richard Stone-inspired story. If I don't hear any negative comments from you two, I will post it on Region 5's Facebook group with a picture. Cheri, you can go ahead and forward to Region 6?

Many voices describe the horsemanship obstacles we do in NATRC as "silly stuff." But they are opportunities to demonstrate control of the horse.

Friday, I had what this competitor/trail-master/ride manager thought was the perfect opportunity - except that it took a long time to accomplish and was located where I could never access with judges!

[My horse] Motion and I were training at home and reached a section of trail that travels down a rocky stream. There was a tree blocking the stream, with only a small space open on the right bank. So, I did an offside dismount and measured the space relative to Motion. The height was a little below his shoulders, so I figured he could squeeze under it. I backed him and turned him so that I could take the saddle off his left side. I led him under the tree. The stream was deeper past the tree, so I had to stand on the bank and get him to turn his butt away from me, so that I could put the saddle back on (left side) and re-mount.

I imagined a judge directing a rider to do this. If the rider thought about the obstacle as a whole, it would blow their mind. But what I did was a series of small steps, asking the horse to respond to basic cues: stand, back, turn on the hind, lead, turn on the front, and stand.

Some of the trail scenarios the judges come up with may sound silly. But to succeed, we ask the horse to respond to specific cues in a controlled way. Also, we need to demonstrate that we are calm enough to think things through and communicate the steps to the horse - a vital trail riding horsemanship skill!

Motion and I do a lot of "silly stuff" at home. When he is at liberty, we do complicated obstacles with me using hand signals and voice commands. My husband laughs and calls it "giving him the finger." But being able to control my anxious boy like that gives me the confidence I need to take him to a ride where herd issues destroy his otherwise excellent brain.

Horsemanship obstacles are about learning to control the horse. Something that sets NATRC apart from other trail rides.

On Jul 6, 2014, Wayne Tolbert wrote:

Sara:

Good story with specific experience on WHY control is an important component of what we do in NATRC.

I have been reflecting on this same subject for a while. Here is one train of thought. In all the years I have competed and been around NATRC I have never heard a single person say the trotting (gaiting) a horse in a straight line doing a circle in both directions and trotting back to the judge is "silly or pointless." The reason is obvious - riders know WHY it is being done (to check the horse for lameness). However, for as long as I have been around this sport there are those folks who find obstacles silly and pointless. I think the reason is we (judges, fellow competitors, etc.) do not explain the WHY very well, if at all.

I firmly believe that horses require three types of training - physical, mental and emotional. In NATRC we TEST for all three (or should.) Physical (lameness, condition, etc.) is the purview of the vet judge. The vet judge uses vet in, vet out, Saturday morning trot by, metabolic checks on the trail (coupled with results from the P & R stops), etc. as specific TESTS of the horse's physical soundness, which is a reflection of training. The vet judge also may observe horses at various obstacles to get a handle of their emotional

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training. This is also a TEST.

Horseman judges ask for riders to show the horse's mental training (side-pass, turn on forehand, turn on hindquarters, back, etc.). These are TESTS. Also, via obstacles (as well as direct observations) one gets a good handle on a horse's emotional training. These are TESTS which should help the rider determine holes in the horse's training that need work. I do think we need to explain this rationale better to riders.

As I have volunteered as RI and judges recording secretary (plus apprentice rides) for the past 3 years, I have seen horses with "brakes" that work part of the time, horses with a malfunctioning "power steering pump" and horses with "an accelerator linkage" that engages at random. No sane person would drive a truck with any of these problems. Yet people ride horses that sorely need basic emotional training to fix these issues.

Our sport is inherently dangerous. In this region we can encounter situations that make that danger real and present. As we ride we encounter bear, coyotes, wild hogs, yellow jackets, bald-faced hornets and fire ants. Even seemingly innocuous situations can be a challenge when another rider's horse "loses it" and we may have to maneuver away from a ditch, around a sharp projection (truck tailgate, for example), or whatever.

On Jul 7, 2014, Sara Baldwin wrote:

Wayne,

I truly think the emotional training is the horse-rider connection. The horse is so responsive to the rider's emotional state and energy it is incredible, and vice-versa, but the rider has to accept responsibility. This is something I have come to learn slowly, and with difficulty, after being so frightened of the young Motion, and why other people have ridden him more easily than I in the past. It is also something I think

some riders know instinctively, and others are beginning to learn. There are one or two I can think of who need to learn this before they get hurt or just get discouraged with the sport.

On Jul 7, 2014 Wayne Tolbert wrote:

Unfortunately I see this lack of emotional training fairly often. Simply put it means that the horse has to yield to pressure and be submissive to rider requests. When this does not happen typically one of several things happens:

1. The rider gets hurt (or the horse gets hurt or they both get hurt).
2. The rider gets scared and quits riding or limits riding to very controlled conditions; or
3. After surviving hurt(s) or major scares, the rider concludes his/her horse would be "happier in Open" (not realizing at first if they can't control a horse at 4 mph it is even less likely they can do it at 5 mph).
4. When they can't control their horse in Open, they conclude they should ride Endurance instead (where they often blow the horse out in a year or two).

Now I don't mean to belittle Endurance in any way; I have a lot of respect for folks who can do that sport. What I mean to say is, I have seen the above pattern in NATRC so many times, it has to be real.

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Proposed Rule Changes for 2015

Presented at the NBOD meeting February 20, 2014
Wording finalized at the NBOD meeting July 12, 2014
Voting on the proposals will be at the NBOD meeting November 8, 2014
Changes are indicated in **bold**.

SECTION 3 - MANAGEMENT OF RIDES

A. Ride Management

1. Ride Chair: This position is the chief executive of the ride.
2. Trailmaster(s): The trailmaster may be the same as the Ride Chair. This person is responsible for all the matters pertaining to the trail.

B. Ride Officials

1. Ride Secretary: The primary executive assistant who is responsible for all of the ride correspondence, records, bookkeeping and reports.
- ~~2. Stable Manager: This person must maintain surveillance of the stable area while the horses are in camp.~~
8. **If the horses are stabled in an area apart from the riders, such as in stalls in a shed row or barn, then a Stable manager may be required to assure the safety of the horses overnight. Several people may split this duty so that each can get some sleep. Otherwise riders are responsible for monitoring their horses overnight.**

Purpose: To remove the requirement for a stable manager from the Rule Book. We are leaving ourselves open to protest or suit if we claim to have stable managers and don't. Eliminate the requirement for a stable manager but leave a suggestion that one might be used in circumstances that have the horses separate from the riders overnight.

SECTION 6 - JUDGING

6 B 1. Reads:

1. Condition 40%: The evaluation of condition shall include, but not be limited to, the following: fatigue, P&R recovery, attitude and willingness, muscle soreness, mucous membrane, myoglobinuria, thumps, hydration and capillary refill, gut sounds, colic, respiration character, sweat and salivation, coordination, eating and drinking, etc.

Change to read:

1. **Condition 40%: The evaluation of condition shall include, but not be limited to, the following: P&R recovery, indicators of hydration status (skin tenting, mucous membrane, capillary refill, and jugular refill), bowel sounds, muscle tone, anal tone, and movement, attitude and willingness. Other parameters to evaluate may include ~~thumps, colic, CRI (cardiac recovery index), fatigue, myoglobinuria~~ muscle soreness, muscle cramping, coordination, urine color, respiration character, sweat, salivation, eating and drinking, etc.**

Purpose: The Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI) has been used as an optional tool to help evaluate the overall status of the horse's condition. A useful measurement of fatigue, it can be part of the end-of-day exam. Including CRI in the parameters listed to evaluate condition would help alleviate surprises for riders.

In addition, rearranging the paragraph would put those parameters used on the scorecard together. "Fatigue" can be deleted as the whole paragraph is about fatigue. "Myoglobinuria" can be replaced with "urine color." Thumps" and "colic" can be deleted as they are included on the back of the scorecard as criteria for a horse to be pulled.

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

B. ANNUAL AWARDS

(ADD FOLLOWING SUBSECTION D – POLLY BRIDGES MEMORIAL)

COMPETITIVE PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPION (High Average) HORSE AWARD: This award is presented to the Competitive/Pleasure Division horse which has the highest average score rather than the highest number of points.

- (1) Horses competing for this award must officially start on a minimum of eight rides during the year. 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.
- (2) Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as ½ ride.
- (3) Only rides officially started in the Competitive Pleasure Division will count.
- (4) Every ride which the horse officially starts during the year shall count, regardless of placing or finishing, provided it is entered in the Competitive Pleasure class.
- (5) A rider must be a current NATRC member prior to the start of a ride for the ride to be credited.
- (6) The horse must be officially started in at least two out-of-state rides of any ride type, two out-of-region rides of any ride type, or one out-of-state and one out-of-region ride of any ride type.
- (7) In the event of a tie in the high average scores at the end of the year, the winner shall be the horse which has won first place on the most number of rides.
- (8) The percentage score is calculated by dividing the individual horse's score by the highest Competitive Pleasure score on that ride. The average score of each horse shall then be determined by adding the "percentage scores" from each ride officially started and dividing by the number of rides of any ride type officially started.

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COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HIGH AVERAGE HORSEMANSHIP: This award is presented to the Competitive/ Pleasure Division rider who has the highest average horsemanship score rather than the highest number of points.

- (1) Riders competing for this award must officially start on a minimum of eight rides during the year. 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.
- (2) Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as ½ ride.
- (3) Only rides officially started in the Competitive Pleasure class will count.
- (4) Every ride which the rider officially starts during the year shall count, regardless of placing or finishing, provided it is ridden in the Competitive Pleasure class.
- (5) The rider must officially start in at least two out-of-state rides of any ride type, two out-of-region rides of any ride type, or one out-of-state and one out-of-region ride of any ride type.
- (6) In the event of a tie in the high average horsemanship scores at the end of the year, the winner shall be the rider who won first place on the most number of rides of any ride type.
- (7) The percentage score is calculated by dividing the individual rider's score by the highest Competitive Pleasure score on that ride. The average score of each rider shall then be determined by adding the "percentage scores" from each ride officially started and dividing by the number of rides of any ride type officially started.

**SECTION 9 – AWARDS
B. ANNUAL AWARDS**

(ADD FOLLOWING SUBSECTION G – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP)

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. 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.
- (2) Awarded the first or second 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.

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

- (1) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.
- (2) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a "full mouth" (all permanent incisors having erupted and are in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.

(REPLACES SUBSECTIONS K and L)

k. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSE: (1) Horses competing for High Point Competitive Pleasure Horse awards must be at least 60 months of age.

- (a) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.
- (b) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a "full mouth" (all permanent incisors having erupted and are in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.

l.

DEFEATED:

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

Motions to continue with proposals to divide the Competitive/ Pleasure Division into classes were defeated.

SECTION 9 - AWARDS

Motions to continue with proposals to add high point horse and horsemanship awards to the Novice Division were defeated.

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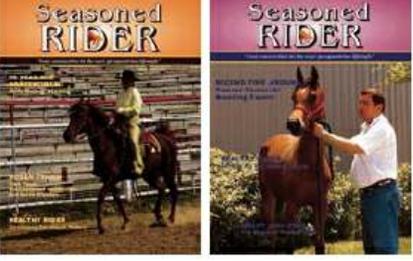
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By Priscilla Lindsey

Priscilla Lindsey is an NATRC Horsemanship Judge and a Centered Riding Instructor. She has been a competitive distance rider for over 40 years and is a horse breeder and trainer.

Happy is the horse that carries a well-balanced rider with a secure seat and soft hands. The goal of every rider should be to ride this way all the time, whether riding for one hour or for eight hours or more.

Riding in harmony with the horse's movement is achieved by riding in balance all the time. When the rider is not in balance, excessive muscle tension (grip) is used. This results in rider fatigue and consequently pounding the horse's back and bumping his mouth. Riding in balance requires only good muscle tone (rather than tension) to keep the rider **light** in the saddle.

Riding in balance begins with the alignment of the rider's ear, shoulder, hip and heel in a vertical line when the horse is standing, walking, jogging or cantering. Also, this vertical line balances the riders of horses with lateral and four-beat gaits such as the running walk and foxtrot. The faster trot, gallop and up hills requires a change so it is the rider's center of gravity over the heel, with shoulder ahead of the vertical line and hip behind, counterbalancing each other. The amount ahead and behind the line depends on the speed of the horse or the steepness of the hill.

The first step in achieving this ideal alignment is to have the pelvis in true vertical position, neither tipped forward (rider with hollow back) nor tipped backward (rider with rounded back). You might need visual feedback from a friend or a riding instructor to help determine if you are sitting hollow-backed or rounded. If you can easily feel your seat bones (the bony knobs that you sit on when sitting properly), rock back and forth on them until it feels like they are pointing straight down at the ground beneath your horse's belly. Also, when the pelvis is in the true vertical position, you will feel the least amount of muscle tension (abdominal or lower

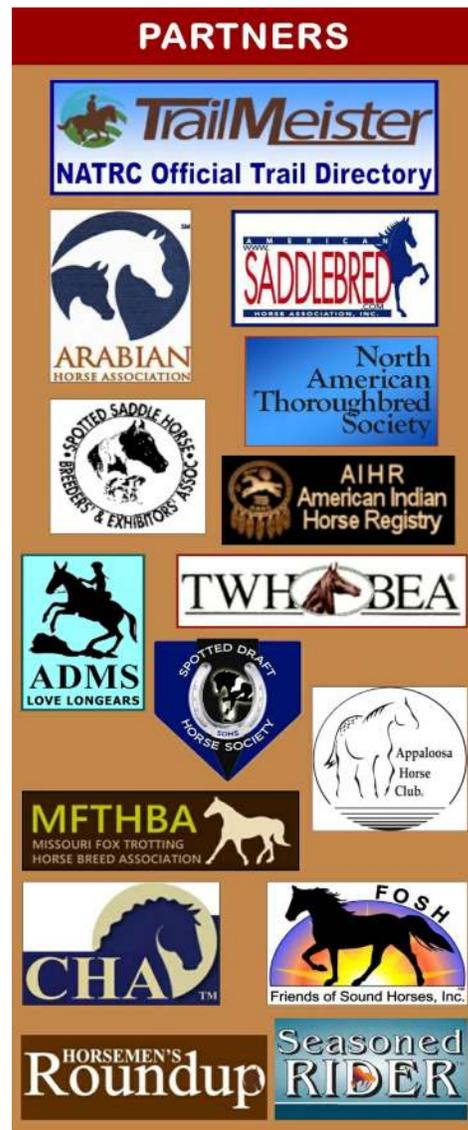
back muscles) holding it there. If you can't feel your seat bones in the saddle, try practicing on a flat, hard chair.

If you don't have someone to visually assess your position, try this: pull your knees up over the pommel of the saddle until your thigh is parallel to the ground. Feel how you are sitting on your seat bones. Then lower your legs without changing the position of your pelvis.

When your pelvis is correctly aligned, the next step is to position the legs and feet to provide a solid foundation. Your feet need to be directly under your hips to provide this support. Otherwise, you will have to use a lot more grip, rather than balance, with your hands and legs to overcome the effects of gravity and the motion of the horse.

Do this exercise to understand what I mean: sit in a chair with a flat seat and no arms. Sit all the way back in the chair with your feet flat on the floor out in front of you. Now try to stand up on your feet. You will have to throw your upper body forward before you can do it. Sit back down and notice how heavily you land in the chair. Now sit toward the front of the chair and place your feet flat underneath your hips. Notice how easily you can go up and down and how lightly you can land in the chair. Try this same exercise in the saddle to see if you have been riding with your feet too far forward. (Be careful not to land heavily on your horses back!)

When you ride in correct balance, relaxed and easy, yet with energy and good muscle tone, you will notice your horse starting to move out more freely. He will willingly give you his back if he is not worried about your slamming down on his back or being thrown off balance with every stride.



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National Board of Directors Meeting Summary

Denver, CO, July 12, 2014

CALL TO ORDER by Kim Cowart, 8:00 a.m., July 12, 2014.

ROLL CALL. Meroshnekoff, Malone, DeMattei, Sims, Roper, Swiss, Gould, Cowart, Clayton, Rinne, and Lindsey present. Phil Young as Alternate for Pimentel. Laurie DiNatale, Executive Administrator.

MINUTES. February 20, 2014. Call for corrections. **Clayton moved to accept minutes, Lindsey seconded. Motion approved.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Cowart stated that he has had discussions with AERC President. May be able to collaborate on some projects with AERC. Trail Masters Program is one possibility. Cowart is working with our judges to develop consistency and judging standards for NATRC. Strategic planning and rule change proposals are important aspects of this meeting.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT. DiNatale reported that she is averaging 31.5 hours per week for the first half of 2014. DiNatale is making an effort to further reduce her time to reach the allotted average of 25 hours per week as directed by the BOD.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT. Swiss reviewed reports. We are

healthy financially. Our income is down. Memberships and rider fees are our main concern. We are not making our membership or rider goals. Swiss does not expect those goals to be met for 2014. *Hoof Print* subscriptions are up. We are not spending the bulk of the marketing funds allotted for 2014 until we determine the best methods to advertise. Mary Jo Malone will be taking over the accounting and treasurer duties.

BY-LAWS & RULES. Sarah Rinne. Please see Rules Report.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. Green/Dieterich. Dieterich filed report. Main item of discussion: Office procedure for calculating the points to be awarded when the last ride started by a competitor exceeds the ride limit for Open (16). If the last ride started, that will count toward the first 16 rides for Open, causes the number of rides to exceed those limits (16), then the points awarded for that ride will be as follows:

* If 1 ride is needed to reach the ride limit, and the last ride started is an "AA" ride (Open only), then the points awarded, are those for an "A" ride.

* If 1/2 ride is needed to reach the ride limit, and the last ride started is either an "AA" ride (Open only), or an "A" ride, then the points awarded are those for a "B" ride.

So, a rider would always get full points for an AA ride unless that ride is the last ride started counting towards the 16 ride limit *and* fits either of the scenarios above.

This concept first appears in the November 1994 NBOD minutes and was adopted as an office procedure for 1995. The question rarely comes up, but it did this year regarding points for an AA Ride at the Heartland Challenge. If a competitor for the high year-end awards is limited to the first 16 rides, would they avoid doing an AA ride and possibly ending up with a 16½ ride count? Or would they not do an AA ride as their last ride? The ½ ride could also be due to a B ride in the mix. The above Office Procedure addresses exactly this situation.

The current question is whether this Office Procedure should be in the P&P, or in the Rule Book. Consensus that this should be submitted as a Rule Change proposal for 2016.

PROTEST. Clayton. No current Protests.

RIDE SANCTION. Patsy Conner distributed and reviewed report.

CLINIC SANCTION. Linda Clayton. Report filed.

MANAGEMENT. Jean Green. Report filed. Management Manual has been revised. Manual will be sent to ride chairs and secretaries for 2015 rides. Management Manual is posted on the website and has links to management documents that are also posted on the website.

RULES INTERPRETER. DeMattei. All but one report received. Problems at rides included ribbons being pulled, holdups at obstacles, aggressive dog and one ride had issues with P&R procedure. Conner stated that RI reports are extremely important in the sanctioning of rides.

INSURANCE. DiNatale. No changes to insurance.

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SAFETY. Gould. Reported eight accidents. Reports should be filed anytime anyone goes off a horse.

MARKETING/ PUBLICITY. Bev Roberts/Cris Ballard. Report sent. Jean Green has done a great job with sending E-news. The Horses in the Morning radio show, featuring Alice Yovich, has been very popular.

NATIONAL AWARDS PRESENTATION. Region 6 will handle awards presentation at the convention as the hosting region. They have requested a script.

SOCIAL MEDIA. Rinne. Facebook page is very popular. We have over 1000 members. Rinne has had to limit personal ads on the Facebook page.

BUSINESS MODELS AND MEASUREMENTS. Swiss. Swiss submitted Performance Scorecard. Marketing initiatives discussed. BOD will approve additional national recognition through awards. This is in process through rule change proposals. Consensus that we would not do News service E-news. We need to investigate search engine optimizations. Gould asked about print

ads. Swiss noted that a one page ad in a notable magazine can run \$750-\$1200. She felt that ad campaign needs to be consistent and multiple. She suggested six times in one publication as opposed to one time ads in different magazines. We need to develop long-term membership recognition. We need to develop educational online resources such as DVD's. We need to expand our membership benefits. Membership cards and decals with memberships were possibilities.

Swiss will send a revised Strategic Planning document to the BOD.

Lunch. Guest arrived: Jill Talbot.

SPONSORSHIPS. Swiss continues to work on sponsorships. Malone will take over the invoicing of sponsors.

RAFFLE. Current raffle is a saddle donated by Trailwise Saddles.

MEDIA ADVISORY. Dieterich sent report. Dieterich coordinates the content for Hoof Print. Dieterich, Bev Roberts and Mary Ashley McGibbon edit submissions. Swiss solicits and manages sponsorships. Roberts manages and designs, if necessary, the ads. Knuutila is the Editor of Hoof Print. Green sends

the E-news, which includes monthly ride schedule and results along with other notifications.

RIDERS AND JUNIORS. Meroshnekoff. Nothing to report.

FOUNDATION. Swiss. Annual meeting will be held following this meeting.

DRUG TESTING. Jerry Weil, DVM. No report.

VETERINARY DRUG COMMITTEE. Michael Peralez, DVM sent report. Consensus that DO entrants must follow NATRC rules, including drug rules.

TRAIL ADVOCACY. Erin Glassman. Report filed. An application for trail grant funds was submitted by Kathryn Lewandowsky for Pilchuck Recreation Area. **Motion by Lindsey, seconded by Rinne, to approve \$500 to project if they are able to raise the balance needed by other means, and if NATRC is recognized in final project. Motion approved.** Glassman is working with AERC and BCHA on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

EDUCATION. Dieterich filed report.

JUDGES. Mike Bridges DVM/Patsy Conner.

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Conner-reviewed report on Applicants, Apprentices and Provisionals.

The Judges Committee is making an effort to establish an approved procedure and expanded explanation to riders on CRI. Mentoring Program has proved to be valuable. Conner had hoped to use the Electronic Scorecard at the Bumble Bee Ride but it presented equipment challenges.

Discussion on consistency in judging. Kim Cowart had sent a letter to all Judges and the BOD regarding NATRC Judging. Cowart feels that we owe our riders and their horses the best judging we can provide. And that consistent guidelines and standards promote professionalism. The Judges Committee is working on establishing horsemanship judging standards or best practices, backed up by good references. References may include Cavalry, CHA, and Centered Riding Manuals. Swiss would like to see similar efforts put towards Vet Judging. She would like to see more consistent metabolic scoring. Lindsey felt that it is important to work towards standards for horsemanship judging, based on accepted sources. Lindsey stated that the Riders Manual can be a good resource for riders once it is revised. Both Lindsey and Conner emphasized that judging standards are important in any horse discipline, and hoped that the BOD would see their importance also. Work will continue in this effort.

SHARED BOD AMOUNT. \$414.95.

HALL OF FAME. Jackie Coleman. We do have an application for consideration which will be voted on in November.

STUDENT LOAN/SCHOLARSHIPS. DeMattei stated that the \$2,000 Bev Tibbitts Scholarship has been sent to Taylor McNeel's university.

BREED & ORGANIZATION LIAISONS.

A.H.A. Bob Insko. No report.

BREED LIAISON. Lindsey works with breed associations on reciprocal ads. New partner is Spotted Draft Horses.

HONORARY & APPRECIATION. Ruth Mesimer. Sent report.

ANNUAL POINTS/NATRC DATA/NATIONAL RECOGNITION.

Cheri Jeffcoat/Laurie DiNatale. Lory Walls and Beni DeMattei have offered to help with award calculation, confirmation and ordering.

ELECTRONIC MEETING COORDINATOR. Sallie Kudra. Please contact Kudra to set up conference calls.

MEMBERSHIP. Jerry Sims. A list of non-members is sent to each region so they may contact and follow up with those non-members and encourage them to join NATRC. We have had 84

new and rejoining members this year. Clinics, B rides and fliers are important recruiting resources. Cowart asked for a Retention Chair to work with someone in each Region to make sure we keep the members we gain or presently have. We need to make sure that our members know we care about them.

CONVENTION 2014. Region 4. Swiss reported that the Region returned

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CONVENTION 2015. Region 6. Rinne reported that Kansas City, MO will be the location. February 19-22, 2015. Downtown Country Club Plaza area. Room rates at \$99.

REGIONAL REPORTS. Given.

Old Business:

- 1. Electronic Scorecards. Covered previously.
- 2. Riders Manual. Dieterich is working on revision.

- 3. RMSF criteria. Cowart wondered if vet judging fees may be able to be subsidized by RMSF funds. Swiss also suggested that Ride Managers can apply for RMSF funds which would help them with judges' fees.

New Business:

- 1. Strategic planning. Previously covered. Swiss will send revised plan to BOD after the meeting.
- 2. Review of Novice and CP awards. Previously covered.
- 3. RMS. Need to continue to work on ways to make the NATRC experience easy for rider and managers.

Motion by Sims, seconded by Rinne, to adjourn. Motion approved.

Full Minutes on file at National Office.

Next meeting to be held November 8, 2014. Informal meeting in the evening on November 7, 2014. DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207.

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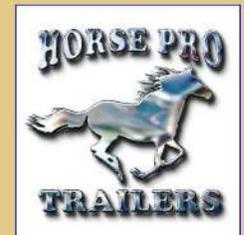
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Region 1

Round Valley A

6/14-15/2014 R1-CA
 A-O/CP Total Riders: 11
 Chair: Gene Boicelli
 Judges: Greg Fellers DVM, Karel Waugh
 CP Combo: OM El Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe
 Open Sweepstakes: Sierra Sunshine/
 Stidolph, Donna-97

Open Heavyweight

1/2 Amiraborr/Boicelli, Victoria
 2/1 Pistol Pete DF/Harvey, Laura

Open Lightweight

1/2 Sierra Sunshine/Stidolph, Donna
 2/1 Cobay/Wolf, Jeanine

P Palistar/Swain, Stephanie

Competitive/Pleasure

1/2 OM El Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe
 2/3 Hot Midnight/Taniguchi, Trisha
 3/4 MK Vangouh/Mendenhall, Natalie
 4/1 HM Raina Bo Surely/Schlerf, Haley
 5/5 Gold King Fritz/Wasielewski, Lisa
 P Om El Bilbao/York, Debbie

Round Valley B

6/14/2014 R1-CA
 B-N Total Riders: 10
 Chair: Gene Boicelli
 Judges: Greg Fellers DVM, Karel Waugh
 Novice Sweepstakes: Pipi/Grasso, Ben-94

Novice Heavyweight

1/2 Pipi/Grasso, Ben
 2/1 Serafina/Szupello, Sierra

Novice Lightweight

1/DO Bodacious Tailfeathers/Lieberknecht, Kay
 2/1 Dream/Inda, Serena Rose

Novice Junior

1/3 Beauhemian/Anderson, Molly
 2/1 Carson El Maj/Johnson, Karlie
 3/2 Lucky Eddie/Johnson, Kirsten
 4/4 Denebaborr/Madison, Ilsa
 5/5 Valentyne/Gipson, Savanah
 6/6 Jezebel/Hunter, Jordan

Region 2

Share the Trails

6/14/2014 R2-CA
 B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 16
 Chair: Randy Walls
 Judges: Kim Sargent DVM, Jean Green
 Novice Sweepstakes: Rocky/Floyd, Brianna-95
 Open Sweepstakes: Pride's Smoke and Mirrors/
 French, Kandace-95

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Special/Horn, Lauren

Open Lightweight

1/2 Pride's Smoke and Mirrors/
 French, Kandace
 2/1 Sea Dragon/Walls, Lory

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Roo/Kelley, Sheryl
 2/3 Willie WB/Bensch, William
 3/2 Bailey/Bensch, Therese
 4/4 Sterling Silver/Housh, Shelley

Novice Lightweight

1/2 QCA Sonrey/Carl, Becky

2/1 Poison/Hoban, Veronica
 3/3 Fancy/McAdams, PJ

Novice Junior

1/2 Rocky/Floyd, Brianna
 2/1 Vested Decision/Gruntmeir, Megan
 P Maximilian AR/Moore, Joshua

Competitive/Pleasure

1/1 Pride's College Boy/Bray, Sherrie
 2/2 Patient Laddie/Malone, Mary Jo
 3/3 Ruby/Kafka, Karen

Rule Tidbit...

Distance Only (DO)

DO participants must follow all NATRC and ride rules with the exception of those pertaining to leg protection. Participants may choose not to do judged obstacles, but they must participate in veterinary checks for soundness and condition, P&R checks, or other checks for the welfare of the horse. DO participants receive mileage (distance only) no placings or awards, and they do not count as competitors for establishing points. They do, however, receive scorecards with informative comments at the end of the ride. DO participants may do 1 day of a 2-day ride.



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Region 3

General Albert P. Clark Memorial Ride

5/24-25/2014 Region 3-CO

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 50

Chair: Stephen Bishop, Pam Galchutt

Judges: Carter Hounsel DVM, Kim Cowart

CP Combo: Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane

Novice Sweepstakes: Levi/Morgan, Dayna-97

Open Sweepstakes: Phantoms Masquerade/Lane, Roxann-97

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken

2/4 Peanut/Baker, Matt

3/2 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri

4/3 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary

5/6 Mariah/Wingle, Bill

6/5 Magical Serenade/Halligan, Sherri

Open Lightweight

1/1 Phantoms Masquerade/Lane, Roxann

P Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana

Open Junior

P Lincoln/Combs, Alexis

Open DO

DO-1 Stars Colton Bay/Gunckel, Kay

DO-1 GE Spartan/Jarrett, Cheryl

DO-P OcamiraCinsaBask/Lynn, Heloise

Novice Heavyweight

1/4 Levi/Morgan, Dayna

2/3 Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen

3/1 Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda

4/6 Thunder/Lewis, Donna

5/ Tuff/Horne, John

6/ Kaluha/McNiff, Sandra

/2 Remington Steele/Bonham, Kat

/5 Jazz on Parade/Carleton, Lindsay

Emma Eliza/Clayton, Sandra

Fargo/Krzykowski, Carol

Novice Lightweight

1/3 Solito/Strandquist, Jill

2/1 Maddie/Knoll, Silja

3/2 Sunrise's Buenos Dias/Adair, Amelia

4/5 Badger/Olson, Calleen

5/4 Cappuccino's Smokey Gold/Ehrich, Louise

6/6 Authentic/Lagasse, Candice

P Zippo Dandy's Double/Harrison, Elizabeth

Novice Junior

1/2 Bubbles/Colazio, Zara

2/1 Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie

3/3 Kayenta/Brandt, Olivia

4/5 Pur Ty Rain Danc/Ware, Tori

5/4 Ting/Watson, Raina

P Flippin Sand/Devino, Colleen

Novice DO

DO-1 Becky C./Wylie, John

DO-1 Johnnie/Bray, Elvis

Competitive /Pleasure

1/5 SAS's Aussie/Walls, Sharyl

2/1 Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane

3/6 Winnie/Thearin, Dianna

4/ Danner/Miller-Inman, Linell

5/ Harlems Spirit of Denmark/Tarvin, Jill

6/ RR Skye Robyn/Chaffee, Diane

/2 Classic Lines/Scott, Syndi

/3 Indy/Dandy, Donna

/4 Dukes Eternal Gold/Holder, Sharon

MSA Chloe/O'Brien, Wava

Summer/Wolgram, Betty

Pride's College Boy/Bray, Sherrie

Stormy White Magic/Vasquez, Louise

Colorado Trail

6/7-8/2014 Region 3-CO

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 48

Chair: Linell Miller-Inman

Judges: Bethany O'Brien DVM,

Priscilla Lindsey

Novice Sweepstakes: Bubbles/Colazio, Zara-98

Open Sweepstakes: Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken-96

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken

2/3 Peanut/Baker, Matt

3/2 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri

4/4 Stars Colton Bay/Gunckel, Kay

5/5 Mariah/Wingle, Bill

6/6 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim

P Magical Serenade/Halligan, Sherri

Open Lightweight

1/1 Phantoms Masquerade/Lane, Roxann

2/2 Hank/Winter, Morgan

3/3 Turner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin

P GE Spartan/Jarrett, Cheryl

Open Junior

1/1 Lincoln/Combs, Alexis

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda

2/4 Ford Mustang/Shoopman, Dan

3/2 Levi/Morgan, Dayna

4/3 Remington Steele/Bonham, Kat

P Fannie/Bishop, Stephen

P Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Maddie/Knoll, Silja

2/3 Rocky Top II/Koons, Pam

3/ Cappuccino's Smokey Gold/Ehrich, Louise

4/5 Buffnugget G./Haltermann, Susan

5/6 Authentic/Lagasse, Candice

6/4 Jasper/Brown, Gwen

/1 Sunrise's Buenos Dias/Adair, Amelia

P Badger/Olson, Calleen

P Electric Jazz/Grimes, Catherine

Novice Junior

1/1 Bubbles/Colazio, Zara

2/3 Ruby Red Slippers/Hein, Liza Jane

3/4 Sahara Summer/Conley, Gillian

4/5 Kayenta/Brandt, Olivia

5/ Pur Ty Rain Danc/Ware, Tori

6/2 Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie

/6 Ting/Watson, Raina

Versace's Fortune/Devino, Colleen

Competitive/Pleasure

1/3 Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar/Garrett, Betty

2/1 Summer/Wolgram, Betty

3/5 Cedar Valley's Torden Fjell/

Ferganchick, Brandy

4/6 RR Skye Robyn/Chaffee, Diane

5/ SAS's Aussie/Walls, Sharyl

6/2 Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane

/4 Stormy White Magic/Vasquez, Louise

CRR Boot Scootin/

Roper-Dashner, Sharon

Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana

Indy/Dandy, Donna

Ros Jabez/Dashner, Dave

MSA Chloe/O'Brien, Wava

P Classic Lines/Scott, Syndi

Rule Tidbit... Final Veterinary Examination

The examination of horses will be done by both the veterinary AND horsemanship judges after the completion of the final day's ride. The horsemanship judge needs to know how the horse finishes. If the horse is Completion Only

(CO) at the end of the ride, the rider must also be CO. Sometimes there are tack issues of which the horsemanship judge should be aware. Plus, it is an opportunity to comment on improvements in the in-hand presentation.



Region 3, continued

Willow Springs

7/19-20/2014 R3-CO

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 44

Chair: Bill Wingle

Judges: Carrie Porter DVM, Patsy Conner

CP Combo: BHR Hosan China Moon/
Heniser, Vicki

Novice Sweepstakes: Pur Ty Rain Danc/
Ware, Tori-100

Open Sweepstakes: Hot Saki/Smith, Terri-96.5

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
- 2/4 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri
- 3/2 Peanut/Baker, Matt
- 4/3 Bookcliff Mountain Fire/Bingham, Kerry
- 5/5 Precious Easy Aces/Bingham, Kenneth

Open Lightweight

- 1/3 Hot Saki/Smith, Terri
- 2/1 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie
- 3/2 Phantoms Masquerade/Lane, Roxann

- 4/4 Hank/Winter, Morgan
- 5/5 Kourageus Skyy/Brooks, Wendy
- 6/6 Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana
- P GE Spartan/Jarrett, Cheryl

Open Junior

- 1/1 Lincoln/Combs, Alexis

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/4 Levi/Morgan, Dayna
- 2/5 Ford Mustang/Shoopman, Dan
- 3/3 Tuff/Horne, John
- 4/1 Thunder/Lewis, Donna
- 5/2 Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen
- P Dixie's Rowdy Rambler/Judson, David
- P Fannie/Bishop, Stephen
- DO/DO Smokin Cezanne/Chaffee, Diane

Novice Lightweight

- 1/ RR Skye Robyn/Bowman, Christi
- 2/4 Savannah/Hofcamp, Sarah
- 3/ Spotya Sum Cash/Araki, Nancie
- 4/1 Selwood Park Barius/Chandler, Susan

- 5/6 Authentic/Lagasse, Candice
- 6/3 Mr San Puppy/Ehrich, Louise
- /2 August/Spikker, Ingrid
- /5 Cimarron de Puerta/Goscha, Cathy
- Badger/Olson, Calleen
- Cappuccino's Smokey Gold/Ware, Debbie
- P Dexter/Vowel, Suzannah
- P Stockton Pass/Beyerle, Tammy

Novice Junior

- 1/1 Pur Ty Rain Danc/Ware, Tori
- 2/2 Dusty/Reinhardt, Maggie
- 3/3 Versace's Fortune/Devino, Colleen

Competitive/Pleasure

- 1/ SAS's Aussie/Walls, Sharyl
- 2/1 BHR Hosan China Moon/Heniser, Vicki
- 3/6 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
- 4/2 Winnie/Thearin, Dianna
- 5/5 Danner/Miller-Inman, Linell
- 6/3 Stormy White Magic/Vasquez, Louise
- /4 Missie KVH/Taylor, Barbara
- P Indy/Dandy, Donna

Island in the Sky

8/2-3/2014 R3-CO

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 38

Chair: Judy Mason

Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Susie Witter,
Jill Talbot (Apprentice)

CP Combo: BHR Hosan China Moon/
Heniser, Vicki

Novice Sweepstakes: Thunder/
Lewis, Donna-99.5

Open Sweepstakes: Awesomes Fire N Ice/
Wolgram, Ken-96.5

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
- 2/2 Peanut/Baker, Matt
- 3/3 Stars Colton Bay/Gunckel, Kay
- 4/4 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim
- P Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri

Open Lightweight

- 1/2 Phantoms Masquerade/Lane, Roxann
- 2/6 CRR Boot Scootin/Roper-Dashner, Sharon
- 3/1 Hot Saki/Smith, Terri
- 4/3 Isis Khepri/Scott, Syndi
- 5/5 Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana
- 6/ Ros Jabez/Dashner, Dave

- /4 Turner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin
- P GE Spartan/Jarrett, Cheryl

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/2 Thunder/Lewis, Donna
- 2/3 Lite Foot Slow Poke/Arnett, Leona
- 3/4 Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda
- 4/5 Tuff/Horne, John
- 5/ Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen
- 6/ Hottie/Gardner, Carrie
- /6 Ford Mustang/Shoopman, Dan
- /1 Lefty/Guthrie, Jan
- P SS Kharady Khid/Richardson, Carla
- P Smokin Cezanne/Chaffee, Diane

Novice Lightweight

- 1/2 RR Skye Robyn/Bowman, Christi
- 2/3 Taras Sham/Mitchell, Paula
- 3/4 Driftn' In Style/Fisher, Sheri
- 4/1 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen

Novice Junior

- 1/2 Pur Ty Rain Danc/Ware, Tori
- 2/1 Sahara Summer/Conley, Gillian

Competitive/Pleasure

- 1/2 BHR Hosan China Moon/Heniser, Vicki
- 2/1 Winnie/Thearin, Dianna
- 3/ Nightts Shaddo/Howell, Perran
- 4/3 Cedar Valley's Torden Fjell/
Ferganchick, Brandy
- 5/6 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
- 6/5 Remington Steele/Halligan, Sherri
- /4 Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar/Garrett, Betty
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Region 4

Indian Territory

5/25-26/2014 Region 4-OK
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 28
 Chair: Art Byrd
 Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Kathy Shanor,
 Patti Hicks (Apprentice)
 CP Combo: Razmataz DBA/Bass, Carla Jo
 Novice Sweepstakes:
 Foxy's Travelin Osage Moon/Teeman, Rene-98
 Open Sweepstakes:
 Diamond's Sassy Stockings/Keene, James-98

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Diamond's Sassy Stockings/Keene, James
 2/3 First Rayt Investment/Gould, Larry
 3/2 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay
 4/4 LuckyMan/Barton, Bobbie

Open Lightweight

1/4 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
 2/1 Heza Trouble Makin' Buddy/Hapgood, Kris
 3/3 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
 4/5 Wildfire Storm/Miller, Dolly
 5/2 Nellie's Last Tango SC/Lucht, Becky
 6/6 Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie
 P Tonto/Cleveland, Kayli
 P NH Muscats Jewel/Swiss, Elaine

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Sailor Shooting Star/McCullough, Chrissi
 2/3 Peddlin' the Bucks/Hagler, Brenda
 3/4 Express's Ghost D/McCullough, Sharon
 4/2 Hancock's Mtn Doc/White, Derrel
 5/5 Jumper/Wick, Danny
 P SA Najm/Ruble, Donovan

P MB Jewell/Berger, Douwe
 P Einstein TA/Berger, Maria

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Foxy's Travelin Osage Moon/
 Teeman, Rene

Competitive/Pleasure

1/1 Razmataz DBA/Bass, Carla Jo
 2/2 Calamity Jane's 44 Magnum/Hagler, Linda
 3/4 Beaucoup's White Cloud/
 Campbell, George
 4/3 Shavano Red/Kincade, Charles

Competitive/Pleasure DO

Almira Nefous/Dreadfulwater, LeeAnn

Arkansas Traveler

6/7-8/2014 R4-AR
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 17
 Chair: Deborah Starr
 Judges: Corey Key DVM, Patsy Conner
 Novice Sweepstakes: CWH Up-N-Adam/
 Ojeda, Cynthia-96.5
 Open Sweepstakes: Ravenwood Royal Flag/
 Jewell, Jonni-99

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Ravenwood Royal Flag/Jewell, Jonni
 2/2 WH Picos Cozmic/Brodersen, Shirley

3/3 First Rayt Investment/Gould, Larry

Open Lightweight

1/2 Wildfire Storm/Miller, Dolly
 2/1 Heza Trouble Makin' Buddy/Hapgood, Kris
 3/4 Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie
 4/3 NH Muscats Jewel/Swiss, Elaine

Novice Heavyweight

P Angelic Phlame/Savell, Michelle

Novice Lightweight

1/DO Moonshadow/Galliher, Teresa

2/1 Foxy's Travelin Osage Moon/
 Teeman, Rene

P Cheyenne/Fearing, Donna
 P Peaches/Koontz, Susan

Novice Junior

1/1 CWH Up-N-Adam/Ojeda, Cynthia
 2/2 Dance Inside The Sun/Sims, Brooke

Competitive/Pleasure

1/1 Razmataz DBA/Bass, Carla Jo
 2/2 NKR April's Jewel/Zimmerman, Betsy
 3/3 Ojala ArielMoon/Edmondson, Cheryl



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Region 5

French Broad Classic A

6/7-8/2014 R5-NC
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 31
 Chair: Sherry Garnes
 Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM, Kim Cowart
 Novice Sweepstakes: Carbon's Royal Belle/
 Lewis, Mary-96
 Open Sweepstakes: Swiss Mocha/
 Riley, Paula-97

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Goodnight's Masterpiece/Clayton, Gary
 2/2 Victory CH/Moore, William
 3/3 Baha Crescent/Lewandowsky, Kathryn

Open Lightweight

1/3 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
 2/ Danamye/Diaguila, Esther
 3/2 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
 4/5 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina
 5/1 Prime Sensation WH/Findley, Martha
 6/ Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty
 /4 SA Seraphim/Lowell, Barbara

/6 SCF Cindy Lou Who/Riddick, Keri
 Mariah's Secret/Riley, Leigh
 AL Kasah/Sexton, Anne
 Mandella Bey/Chapman, Carolyn
 P Firlej/Simcox, Connie

Novice Heavyweight

1/2 Thunder/Long, Amy
 2/1 Shades/Moore, Vickie
 3/3 Pusher's Blue Treasure/Carraher, Kathy
 4/4 Zakreb Ogon/Wolf, Teresa

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Carbon's Royal Belle/Lewis, Mary
 2/1 Alena Rae/Rogers, Andrea
 3/3 Star/Banks, Sarah

Novice Junior

1/1 Dusty Nickle/Crutchfield, Julianne

Competitive/Pleasure

1/3 Spotted Alen's Finale/Keen, Cindy
 2/1 Spirit of Spotted Alen/Woodall, Courtney
 3/2 Dusty Dawn's Little Lady/Lewis, Ray

4/4 Heart's Desire/Pegram, Sandy
 5/5 Standing Ovation/James, Trish
 P W A Love Letters/Myers, Lee
 P TR What's Smokin'/Jones, Mark H.
 P RCC Follow Me/Jones, Debbie T.

French Broad Classic B

6/7/2014 R5-NC
 B-N/CP Total Riders: 4
 Chair: Sherry Garnes
 Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM, Kim Cowart
 Novice Sweepstakes: Kona/Peek, Matthew-98

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Paints All Colors/Davis, Sharon

Novice Junior

1/1 Kona/Peek, Matthew

Competitive/Pleasure

1/1 DIA Icon/Mount, Janell
 2/2 CMF Hallel/Hartness, Marilyn

Virginia Highlands A

6/21-22/2014 R5-VA
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 21
 Chair: Judith Shrum
 Judges: Carrie Porter DVM, Richard Stone
 Novice Sweepstakes: Carbon's Royal Belle/
 Lewis, Mary-96.5
 Open Sweepstakes: Scatoaks Major Jake/
 Hall, Julie-100

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Victory CH/Moore, William

Open Lightweight

1/1 Scatoaks Major Jake/Hall, Julie
 2/3 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
 3/2 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina
 4/5 Danamye/Diaguila, Esther
 5/4 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Shades/Moore, Vickie
 2/DO Terradocs Oconee Belle/Kudra, Sallie
 3/2 Zakreb Ogon/Wolf, Teresa
 P LaPluma/Scott, Lisa

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Carbon's Royal Belle/Lewis, Mary
 2/3 Alena Rae/Rogers, Andrea
 3/1 Malaki/Svigel, Monica

Novice Junior

1/3 Jabez/Peed, Rachel
 2/2 Linus/Madden, Riley
 3/1 Captian Kune/Evans, Natalie
 4/4 Mercy/Terry, Caroline

Competitive/Pleasure

1/2 Dusty Dawn's Little Lady/Lewis, Ray
 2/3 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia
 3/1 Ester/Land, Carol
 4/4 Easy on the Bourbon/Morgan, Rosemary

Virginia Highlands B

6/21/2014 R5-VA
 B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 6
 Chair: Judith Shrum
 Judges: Carrie Porter DVM, Richard Stone
 Novice Sweepstakes: FYF Coyote/
 Meuten, Nicki-97.5
 Open Sweepstakes: Prime Sensation WH/
 Findley, Martha-98

Open Lightweight

1/1 Prime Sensation WH/Findley, Martha

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 FYF Chuck/Meuten, Don

Novice Lightweight

1/3 FYF Coyote/Meuten, Nicki
 2/2 FYF Inferno/Messenger, Kristen
 3/1 FYF Reckless/Mathews, Barbara

Competitive/Pleasure

1/1 DIA Icon/Mount, Janell



Region 6

Branching Out

6/8/2014 R6-NE

B-N/CP Total Riders: 24

Chair: Shari Parys

Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Sarah Rinne

CP Combo: D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/

Altwegg, Noreen

Novice Sweepstakes: Lethal Status/

Ankersen, Sharron-99

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Lethal Status/Ankersen, Sharron

2/3 Windy V/Vasa, Tammy

3/6 Cool Like That/MacKeogh, Terri

4/5 Bartending For Money/Vasa, John

5/4 Dea Katies Starbert/Holtgrew, Jennifer

6/2 Convincing Diamond/Roemer, Fran

Blue Moon Chief Farceur/Lee, Carol

The Tanks a Blazin'/Orth, Jason

Novice Lightweight

1/DO Badger Strikes Out/Rinne, Carisa

2/2 T-Bone B Blacky/Ross, Kerri

3/1 Auli Sabah/Fischer, Jennifer

4/3 Camilla PBJ/Smith, Helen

Novice Junior

1/1 Angel's Ricochet Shot/Klamm, Jason

Competitive/Pleasure

1/5 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen

2/ Dun Come Unzipped/Reynolds, Margaret

3/6 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla

4/3 Fantasy Moon Dancer/Wood, Mary Anna

5/4 SF Silver Dragon/Jakopak, Summer

6/1 Divine Liberty/Murz, Julia

/2 Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan

PS Sabres Shadow/Clapper, Tina

Little Ann/Klamm, Liz

Steppin'Out Annie D/Prey, Ken

ViKen's Bear A Cuda/Prey, Virginia

Flying R Ranch

6/14-15/2014 R6-MO

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 23

Chair: Katy Vernon

Judges: Lucy Hirsch DVM, Kathy Shanor

CP Combo: Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan

Novice Sweepstakes: Lethal Status/

Ankersen, Sharron-89.5

Open Sweepstakes: Loco Motion/

Baldwin, Sara-94

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Diamond's Sassy Stockings/Keene, James

2/3 JK Prada/Koelling, Karri

3/4 Country's Magic Fox WH/Hinkebein, William

4/2 L.L.Remington/Marston, Marilyn

Open Lightweight

1/2 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara

2/1 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish

Novice Heavyweight

1/3 Lethal Status/Ankersen, Sharron

2/2 KS Bluestem Lady Liberty/Hanson, Mary

3/1 Windy V/Vasa, Tammy

4/4 KitKat/Arcelle, Jeanne

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Jimmi/Jankowski, Boo

2/1 Little Jet Fuel/West, Sharon

Competitive/Pleasure

1/3 Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan

2/4 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen

3/6 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla

4/2 Mr. Chico Lindo/Smith, Yvonne

5/ Lucky Dream Catcher WH/Wallis, Christine

6/ SF Silver Dragon/Jakopak, Summer

/1 Wyntez Buddy/Roberts, Beverly

/5 Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie

Goodness Gracious/Childs, Maggie

P Razonn Trail Dancer/Colby, Mary

Competitive/Pleasure DO

Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna

Rule Tidbit...

Lunch on the Trail

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Eagle Ranch

8/16-17/2014 R6-MO

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 26

Chair: Steve and Priscilla Lindsey

Judges: Kay Gunckel DVM, Sarah Rinne

CP Combo: Razonn Trail Dancer/Colby, Mary

Novice Sweepstakes: Risky Snickers/
Klamm, Jason-95

Open Sweepstakes: Cito Mocha Raton/
Cleveland, Trish-97

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 My Nightmare/White, Vickie
 2/2 L.L.Remington/Marston, Marilyn
 3/4 Shady Sunset WH/Powell, Todd
 4/3 Country's Magic Fox WH/
Hinkebein, William

- P Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay
 P Spot Me Wild/Sylvara, Karen

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
 2/2 Hungarian Jade/Hirsch, Lucy
 P R. Powell Rex/Klamm, Liz
 P Urban Kowboy/Carr, Janeta

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 KS Franks Banjet/Chaffin, Verona
 P JSF Elvis/Hatch, Janet

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Shahteekhs Thunder/Shively, Joyce

Novice Junior

- 1/2 Risky Snickers/Klamm, Jason

- 2/1 Angel's Ricochet Shot/Klamm, Ryan

Competitive/Pleasure

- 1/2 Razonn Trail Dancer/Colby, Mary
 2/6 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla
 3/1 Wyntez Buddy/Roberts, Beverly
 4/3 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen
 5/ Tonto/Cleveland, Kayli
 6/4 Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan
 /5 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna
 Dun Come Unzipped/Reynolds, Margaret
 Country Mocha WH/Wolgram, Betty
 P Lucky Dream Catcher WH/Wallis, Christine

Competitive/Pleasure DO

- Spanish Rose/Esbensen, Dana

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In addition, detailed Appendices are maintained on the NATRC web site. These appendices list prohibited substances, categories of prohibited substances,

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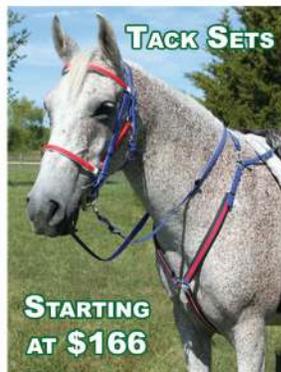
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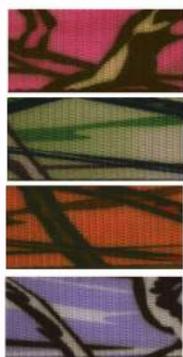
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