

REGION 3 NEWSLETTER

YEAR-END GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT!

Thanks to all the wonderful people who ran for the Region 3 Board of Directors for next year. These are the folks responsible for keeping our sport healthy and growing in the future. They will make the policies and decisions that will encourage people to try the sport, that will encourage new ride managers to step forward, and that will help riders and managers stay enthused. We wish them good luck. The Region 3 Board of Directors for 2001 will be:

District 1 - Linell Miller and Tracie Scarlett

District 2 - Judy Benham and Kathy Shanor

District 3 - Linda Jones and Judy Mason

At-Large - Sue Peters, Doreen Portner, Dee Overholt. These are your representatives. Talk to them when you have suggestions or concerns about our sport. We can't do anything about a problem if we are not aware it exists. Help us find solutions.

Thanks to Donna Schriefer for finding people to run, sending out the ballots and tallying the results while being a hardworking vet student and planning her wedding and organizing our convention and working for a living. (And the rest of us are too busy to do what?)

Some of our Region 3 riders went to the Championship Challenge in Tennessee this year, and once again brought back the top trophy. Ken Wolgram and his horse Summer won the Grand Champion Horse this year. Kathy Shanor was the top lightweight rider and high point rider overall. Our other riders, Matt Baker, Marc Shanor, Roxann Lane, and Betty Wolgram, did well also, and everyone finished. I would like to congratulate everyone who went. These are very tough and grueling events to participate in, and the trip out there to represent Region 3 is hard on those wonderful horses and their riders.

Speaking of the Championship Challenge, Bill and Jenny Smith have volunteered to run the CC in New Mexico next year at the Chokecherry site. They are already hard at work laying out lots of new trails. They have purchased a GPS so the trails and maps will be perfect. Please volunteer to help if you can and donate money if you can. Bill and Jenny always do a masterful job so we really expect the best CC ride ever. If you have a qualified horse, definitely consider

entering the ride. The CC rides are very challenging, lots of fun, you could win, and it certainly won't be this near again for several years. Let's keep the trophy in the Region for yet another year. We're on a roll!

Our final event of the season will be the awards banquet and convention to be held at the Holiday Inn in Fort Collins, CO, on January 12-14, 2001. This is always a fun event. We get to clean up, see folks we haven't seen in months or even years, learn lots of new information and ideas, find out how we did this season overall, and gather our mileage and worker awards. Donna Schriefer has pulled lots of strings and we will have wonderful tours of the vet school with a number of learned speakers. Plan to come early and stay late. Maybe we can even dance all night like in the old days. Donna will need lots of door prizes and Hospitality Room fodder, so please contact her with your donations at (970) 278-9795.

I would like to thank outgoing board members Dan Fredal, Donna Schriefer, Diana Thearin, Judd Adams, and Betty Wolgram. They were all wonderful and really helped the region over the last few years. Betty Wolgram will still do the newsletter and the ride book. Can you imagine how much work this woman accomplishes beautifully and works full time and rides all the rides plus many out of region rides every year? What a Woman!

I have enjoyed being the president of the region this year; it is an honor! I believe that, thanks to the wonderful Board of Directors and ride management, we made some good progress. Membership and ridership is up, we had lots of wonderful rides, mostly full, and we certainly had fun and learned a bunch. Of course, more always needs to be done. We need a few more rides in more areas so our new riders have a better chance of getting into a ride. We need to help management with more workers, and we need a way to get riders to cancel from rides earlier if necessary so it isn't such a last minute and financial burden on management, etc., etc., etc. So, there will be lots to keep the Board busy for another year.

Hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and New Year. Plan on coming to Convention and get tuned up for the Millennium year.

Judy Wise Mason, President

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE: CHANGE IN N.A.T.R.C. DUES STRUCTURE ANNOUNCED

At its meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on November 18, 2000, the N.A.T.R.C. Board of Directors voted to change its current dues structure. Effective January 1, 2001, separate yearly dues will no longer be collected at the regional level. Instead, membership in N.A.T.R.C. will also include membership in the member's home region. N.A.T.R.C. will remit annual dues to each region as follows: Family membership - \$60/year (\$20 to the region) Senior membership - \$50/year (\$15 to the region) Junior membership - \$35/year (\$10 to the region) Single lifetime membership - \$600/year (\$150 to the region for regional lifetime membership) Family lifetime membership - \$800/year (\$200 to the region for regional lifetime membership) Lifetime N.A.T.R.C. members as of December 31, 2000, will be grandfathered into lifetime regional memberships in their home region. Collection of N.A.T.R.C. dues will be handled by the Executive Office at P.O. Box 2136, Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557-2136. Please do NOT send regional dues to Marc Shanor, our membership chairman and region treasurer. An application is printed on the back of this newsletter for your convenience.

What does all this mean to you, the individual member of Region 3?

If you presently belong

to National, it will merely make your annual renewal easier. Dues on the National level have not been raised; they are still \$40/35/25 year. With regional dues included, a family will pay \$2 more, but the extra \$2 will go to the region. An individual will pay the same, and a junior membership will cost \$3 less at the regional level.

A major concern is for those individuals and families in Region 3 who do not at this time belong to N.A.T.R.C. The hard facts are that if you belong to that group, you can no longer be a member of Region 3 if you do not join N.A.T.R.C. Your initial impulse may be just to drop your membership altogether, but I hope you do not do that. I am sure that all our members are aware of the benefits of membership: Reduced ride entry fees (if you do even three rides a year, you have paid for your membership in both organizations); Region 3 newsletter and NATRC Hoofprint, the National Magazine; and eligibility to compete for year-end rider awards and horse and rider mileage awards, both nationally and regionally. (You do NOT have to be a member to earn year-end worker awards.)

These are all desirable benefits for membership, but, really, they don't even scratch the surface of what N.A.T.R.C. is all about. We would not even have our sport were it not for the umbrella sanctioning and ensuring of consistent rules and standards that is the function of the North American Trail Ride Conference. Scholarships, trail grants, junior programs, trail advocacy, education.... none of these could be handled solely at a regional level.

COME RIDE WITH US IN REGION 3 !!!

EDITOR'S MESSAGE/DUES STRUCTURE CHANGE (CONTINUED)

But most importantly, is the extended family that you gain when you join and support the National organization. You will belong to a wonderful group of people who share the same love for horses that you do and who are all working very hard to see that we can continue owning and enjoying them for many generations to come.

At the present time, approximately 75% of our Region 3 members also belong to National. Let's make that 100% by the first of the year. Please remit your membership dues as soon as possible and show your support for a truly united North American Trail Ride Conference. Let's be the first region to reach that 100%. Also, we can use your help in recruiting new members this year. I'll be out there recruiting and "blowing our horn," how about you?

If you have any questions concerning the new dues structure, please feel free to call me or Marc or Kathy Shanor.

I hope to see all of you at Region Seminar in January and on the trails in 2001.

Betty Wolgram
Region 3 Newsletter Editor

SUMMARY REGION 3 BOARD MINUTES:

Place: Golden Gate Ride

Date: September 17, 2000

Board members present: Judy Mason, Judy Benham, Betty Wolgram, Marc Shanor, Donna Schriefer, Diana Thearin
National Board members present: Kathy Shanor, Bill Smith

Board members absent: Judd Adams, Dan Fredal, Dee Overholt

General members present:

Darrell Dye, Lee Hoth

Minutes of the last meeting were not read or approved.

Marc Shanor presented the treasurer's report. No change except in the deposits. No motion made to accept approval of the treasurer's report.

Marc Shanor presented the membership report. There are two new Region 3 members.

General Discussion: Judy Mason announced that Janine Ancell has agreed to be the new Region 3 Historian.

Marc Shanor reported that the junior rider program fund will likely be in deficit due to the strong showing of ten junior riders at Golden Gate ride. Judy Mason announced that Dee Overholt officially agreed to host the 2001 Sagebrush & Cedar Benefit Ride at Maybell on June 9-10, 2001.

The subject of increasing volunteer support at the rides generated discussion about tax deferment to volunteers for time/mileage credit on their taxes. Judi Tobias may be able to help answer this question.
National Board Report: Bill Smith reported no news. Bill and Jenny Smith will reserve a suite at the Region 3 Awards Banquet and Seminar and open it up as the Hospitality Suite for this event. Two requests are

made of the Region 3 Board members: bring door prizes for give-away during seminar and bring some type of "beverage" to the hospitality suite.

Board positions for 2001:

Donna Schriefer's ballot of people willing to run for BOD:

District 1 - Linell Miller, Tracie Scarlett (1 yr.)

District 2 - Judy Benham

District 3 - Linda Jones, Mariel Webb

At Large - Doreen Portner, Sue Peters

2001 Ride Schedule
Report from Betty Wolgram: Island in the Sky and Colorado Trail will have their same weekends. Another ride in Utah is in the planning stages and needs to be scheduled approximately 5 weeks after Great Western, or at least several weeks apart.

New Rider vests report: Betty Wolgram is still trying to find someone who will make them at a reasonable price and needs to have determined which vests actually have to be replaced.

A prospective vet judge from Montana needs to apprentice. Kathy Shanor will investigate this matter.

Betty Wolgram queried the Board as to whether the 2001 ridebook needs to be ready by the January seminar. It was concluded that the ride book should be ready for distribution by March 1, 2001.

After discussion, it was moved and approved that Region 3 pay our National Board members' actual expenses.

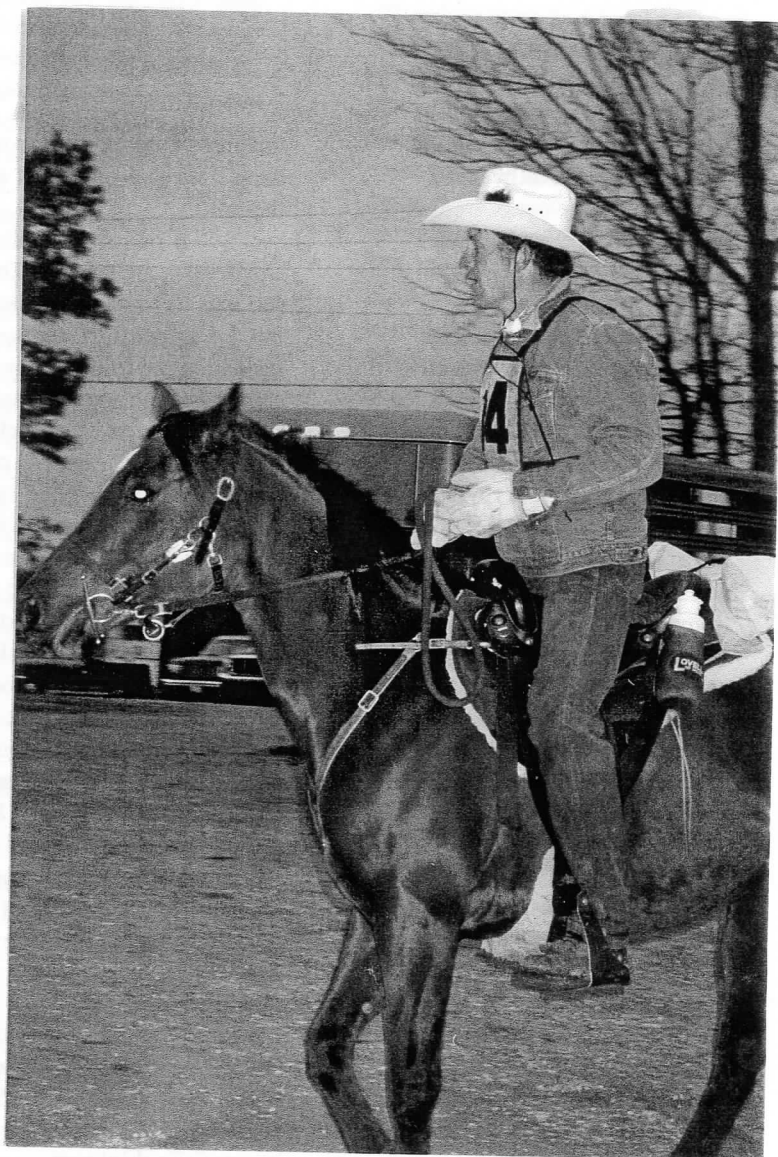
Next Region 3 BOD meeting to be held Friday, January 12, 2001, Holiday Inn, Fort Collins, CO.

Submitted by Judy Benham, secretary pro-tem for Judd Adams

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(Challenge story-continued)
 Chokecherry site in
 Farmington, New Mexico, on
 September 29/30, and will be
 managed by our very own Bill
 and Jenny Smith. If you do not
 have a horse that is qualified to
 compete, you should plan on
 attending anyway and
 volunteering in some capacity.
 It is a wonderful experience,
 and, of course, a project of that
 magnitude requires the help of
 so many people to make it
 successful. You also have the
 opportunity of meeting
 competitors from all over the
 nation, visiting with old friends
 and making new ones, and
 learning something from the
 experience, which is "WHY we
 DO this sport" after all!

(Top right) Eager to go, Ken
 Wolgram and Summer time out
 at daybreak at the
 Championship Challenge.



Back home in Craig, Ken,
 Summer, and traveling
 companion, Ned, proudly
 display the Grand Champion
 horse trophy and ribbons won at
 the Championship Challenge
 Ride in Jamestown, Tennessee.

MEMORIES OF THE HI-MEADOW FIRE

By: Thom Harris

Evacuation! These words have real meaning after the Hi-Meadow Fire. The fire started west of the ranch about four miles as the crow flies. The wind was spreading it right toward us. I was at work in Golden when my wife called and said that there was smoke coming from the west end of the ranch. I immediately raced home. As I got closer, I could tell that the fire wasn't on the ranch...yet.

We put the two mares with babies in the corral. The other horses were gathered into one of our large, open pastures where we figured that they would be okay.

The ones we had to take care of were the mares and babies and the three stallions. We had to evacuate them with us if we had to leave.

We knew the fire was coming our way, but we didn't know how fast and how much time we had. Our phone went out the afternoon the fire started, so we couldn't get hold of anyone. Tom Butterfield went to the west end to help out the fire department, as he did for several days.

The night before we evacuated, several of us stood on a ridge in the dark watching the fire come closer and closer. The west end of the ranch was about a quarter mile from the fire at that point, and the ranch house was about two miles to the east. We tried to figure out when the fire would reach the barns.

Incredibly, that night the wind fire died down and didn't advance much. The second day, the smoke was extremely thick. That morning, the animal control and the sheriff drove in and said that

they had heard we were being evacuated. I told him our situation and he said that there were horse trailers on the way to transport our horses for us. I told him that we had just over forty head that needed trailering.

As they started to arrive, we had to get twenty trucks and trailers turned around. It got crowded pretty fast. We caught most of the horses and led them down to the barn. The others followed.

The horses were loaded without much trouble except for a couple. If they didn't go into one trailer, we tried a different one. Amazingly, we had all forty-one horses loaded in about two hours from the time the first trailer arrived, and they all left in a convoy.

That afternoon, the wind picked up and ominous black smoke started to blow over us. So we loaded the two older stallions into our two-horse trailer and the mares and babies and one last gelding and the yearling colt into the stock trailer and took them to Mike Butterfield's ranch near Sedalia.

We spent the next three days with the stallions tied to the trailer, rotating their time in the corral with the two mares and their babies. The gelding and colt were turned out on the lush pastures.

We kept up with the news through photos on the Internet. That was the only way to get accurate information.

Tom Butterfield helped the fire department during the day, and we assumed that he returned to the ranch at night since we were out of contact with him.

We tried to get back to the ranch but they wouldn't let us. So, through the State Patrol, we got word that Tom was all right and so was the ranch.

All in all, we evacuated forty-nine horses, most going to the Jeffco Fairgrounds. Some others went with people we knew to their homes. When I first went out to the fairgrounds, they had labels on the doors to the stalls to identify the horses, but no names. I had to walk through and name them all. We took up most of the whole barn. They all read Foxton Morgans.

The horses were treated really well. There were vets to treat any injuries, etc. We had two minor wounds and two minor colics, and all fully recovered. What couldn't be treated was the anxiety of being in a stall. They are used to two-hundred-acre or bigger pastures. Some of our own horses had never been off the ranch, let alone in a stall. They thought they were in prison. When I went down to see them, I could see it in their eyes, but they sure perked up when I came by. We had all kinds of volunteers to walk them, feed, and clean stalls. The donations were overwhelming, and we couldn't thank everyone enough.

After four days at the fairground, the fire was under control, and we were allowed to bring the horses home. Arriving home, we put the horses in the arena and walked through to say hi. The relief of the horses and people could be both seen and felt, a lot of happy blowing and rolling as they munched on some familiar hay.

Glad to be home... glad to have a home.

OFFICIAL RIDE RESULTS

Coyote Creek
 September 2-3, 2000
 Mora, NM
 Combined NATRC/LAHA Region 8
 Championship Ride
 Type: A/Open/CP B/Novice
 Total Riders: 29
 Judges: Joe Quintana, DVM and Judy
 Cumberworth
 Open Sweepstakes: MKS Fancys
 Folly/Kymerlie Shanor (95)
 Novice Sweepstakes: Forbes/Carrie
 Scrims (93)
 High Point CP Horse: MKS Shamal
 Nejma/Kathy Shanor (97)

OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT: (8)
 1/3 June's Lucky Mac/B.Smith
 2/2 Dutchess Royal Duke/J.Smith
 3/4 B B Early Edition/J.Matthews
 4/5 Mistique/L.Fisher
 5/1 Summer/K.Wolgram
OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT: (7)
 1/3 Prince Alla Be Ha+/E.Lovett
 2/4 Quickly/B.Wolgram
 3/2 Starskees Plain Jane/S.Flamm
 4/5 Mahogany/T.Ray
 5/1 Tim's Black Cloud/S.Peters
OPEN JUNIOR: (1)
 1/1 MKS Fancys Folly/K.Shanor
NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT: (2)
 1/2 Patrick/F.Jerabek
 2/1 Sonny/T.Scrims
NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT: (2)
 1/1 Forbes/C.Scrims
 2/2 Rita Klips Nick/K.Swan
COMPETITIVE PLEASURE: (9)
 1/1 MKS Shamal Nejma/K.Shanor
 2/3 Cody/S.Hollis
 3/6 Resort Valley Sparkler/
 D.Marquardt
 4/5 Tedolera/C.Fredal
 5/ Fireman's Sweet Revenge/
 R.Beumer
 6/ Zaney Cat/C.Beumer
 12 Zarr Tann/S.Gordon
 14 Chauncey/C.Fritson

Golden Gate
 September 16-17, 2000
 Blackhawk, CO
 Type: A/Open/CP/Novice
 Total Riders: 50
 Judges: Ed Atkinson, DVM & Janine
 Ancell
 Open Sweepstakes: Quickly/
 B.Wolgram (99+)
 Novice Sweepstakes: Dutch/L.Miller
 (97)
 High Point CP Horse: MKS Shamal
 Nejma/K.Shanor (99)

OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT: (8)
 1/4 Sir Love/M.Baker
 2/2 Summer/K.Wolgram
 3/5 Egyptian Gem Star/M.Shanor
 4/3 Dutchess Royal Duke/J.Smith
 5/6 BHR Hosans Pollyanna/D.Budd
 6/ Devoalon/L.Fisher
 11 June's Lucky Mac/B.Smith

Golden Gate (continued)

OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT: (10)
 1/2 Quickly/B.Wolgram
 2/1 Brown R-Dawud/J.Mason
 3/6 Blue Sides Afyre/J.Gober
 4/4 Sky/K.Budd
 5/5 Sierra Blue/T.Scarlett
 6/ Barbara/W.Williams
 13 Tim's Black Cloud/S.Peters
 Mia Mara/B.Tupa
 C.C.Sweetheart/K.Anderson
OPEN JUNIOR: (1)
 1/1 MKS Fancys Folly/K.Shanor
NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT: (5)
 1/2 Dutch/L.Miller
 2/1 Gajala Anna/G.Inman
 3/4 Willow Creek Freckles/L.Hoth
 4/3 Jammin Country Jazz/B.
 Heckelman
 5/5 Rooster Cogburn/S.Halligan
NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT: (10)
 1/1 Say Hello Dolly/H.West
 2/5 Buster/T.McSherry
 3/2 Chauncey/C.Fritson
 4/ Foxton Casco/C.Mott
 5/3 Baby's Lady Bar/L. Hurth
 6/4 Boogs/S.Murphy
 16 Pearl/W.Brooks
 Resort Valley Sparkler/D.
 Marquardt
 Rogers/R.Shults
 Pete Bar Mac/L.Stocon
NOVICE JUNIOR: (6)
 1/6 Singer's Profit/K.Fouk
 2/5 Fantasia Sprite/A.Krull
 3/3 Fantasy/Tim Martini
 4/1 Soda/S. Martini
 5/2 Dazzle Me Brandy/K.McCaffrey
 6/4 Mi Nazarath/M.Sidebottom
COMPETITIVE PLEASURE: (10)
 1/2 MKS Shamal Nejma/K.Shanor
 2/ The Guardian/S.Hollis
 3/1 Squealin John/S.Holder
 4/6 Tedolera/C.Fredal
 5/ Zaney Cat/C.Beumer
 6/5 Balladin/R.Harper
 14 EB's Golden Chance/T.Woltman
 13 Cody's Talk of Texas/K.Woltman
 Scnsational Lady/C.Rowe
 BVA Amira Wazir/S.Gordon

Navajo Lake
 September 30/October 1, 2000
 Navajo Lake Reservoir, NM
 Type: A/Open/CP/Novice
 Total Riders: 41
 Judges: Jim Friedley, DVM & Bill
 Bohannon
 Open Sweepstakes: S.A.Boomer/
 T. Smith (97+)
 Novice Sweepstakes: Tess/
 H. Thompson (98)
 High Point CP Horse: MKS Shamal
 Nejma/K.Shanor (98)

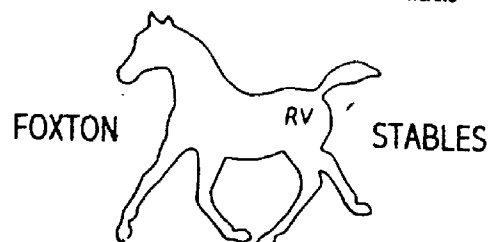
OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT: (8)
 1/2 Lady's Charlie B/J.Ancell
 2/6 Sierra Blue/R.Thompson
 3/5 Duke/B.Smith
 4/4 SW Windwalker/D.Overholt

Navajo Lake (continued)

5/3 Sir Love/M.Baker
 6/1 Rock'n EZ Royal/S.Ancell
 BHR Hosans Pollyanna/D.Budd
OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT: (8)
 1/1 SA Boomer/T.Smith
 2/2 Sky/K.Budd
 3/3 Brown R-Dawud/J.Mason
 4/4 Anna Versary/L.Schumack
 5/ Quickly/B.Wolgram
 6/5 Blue Sides Afyre/T.Scarlett
 16 Remington Steele/R.Lane
OPEN JUNIOR: (1)
 1/1 MKS Fancys Folly/K.Shanor
NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT: (11)
 1/4 Blue Spruce Lacoe/C.Whitehead
 2/3 Gajala Anna/G.Inman
 3/1 Moeft/B.Santistevan
 4/5 Nelcrest Mirage/O.Spanoff
 5/6 Warrior's Conf.Prince/LouAnn
 Washington
 6/2 Galahad/J.Rekart
 Bar Hoppin Bailey/T.Whitehead
 San Juan Shangar/B.Stewart-
 Smith
NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT: (4)
 1/2 Tess/H.Thompson
 2/1 CR Blaze of Glory/N.Frank
 3/3 JKay Flashdance/N.Pittman
 4/4 Winsom/V.Frane
COMPETITIVE PLEASURE: (9)
 1/2 MKS Shamal Nejma/K.Shanor
 2/3 Squealin John/S.Holder
 3/1 Ruby/J.Smith
 4/5 ZarrTan/S.Gordon
 5/ Zaney Cat/C.Beumer
 6/6 Destiny Mariah/P.Johnson
 14 Brule/N.Rekart
 The Guardian/S.Hollis

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OFFICIAL RIDE RESULTS

David B. Thomas
October 14, 2000
Farmington, NM
Type: B/Open/CP/Novice
Total Riders: 22
Judges: Michael Riegger, DVM &
Judy Cumberworth
Open Sweepstakes: Brown R-Dawud/
J.Mason (98)
Novice Sweepstakes: Dey Lynn
Moyaia/C.Garner (96)
High Point CP Horse: WSA Desert
Wind/Andrey Taylor (96++)

OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT: (4)
1/1 Lady's Charlie B/J.Ancell
2/4 June's Lucky Mac/J.Smith
3/3 Dutchess Royal Duke/C.Smith
4/2 Egyptian Gem Star/M.Shanor
OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT: (3)
1/1 Brown R-Dawud/J.Mason
2/2 Anna/L.Schumack
3/3 Generator's Eternal Flame/ S.
Weber

OPEN JUNIOR: (1)
1/1 MKS Fancys Folly/K.Shanor
OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT: (5)
1/3 Blue Spruce Lacee/C.Whiteaman
2/4 Nelcrest Mirage/O.Spanoff
3/1 Galahad/J.Rekart
4/2 Montana/B.Emond
5/5 Moeft/B.Santistevan
NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT: (2)
1/1 CR Blaze O' Glory/N.Frank
HDC/HDC Bisti Blue/T.Spaulding
NOVICE JUNIOR: (1)
1/1 Dey Lynn Moyaia/C.Garner
COMPETITIVE PLEASURE: (6)
1/1 WSA Desert Wind/A.Taylor
2/4 MKS Shamar Nejma/K.Shanor
3/2 Brule/N.Rekart
4/3 Playman's Charley/G.Daves
5/5 Quote Poco Man/L.Daves
HDC/HDC Que Who/C.Cumberworth

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"HIGH FIVES....."

... To our two "Sue's" ... Sue
Benjamin and Sue McKelvy, for
serving as ride secretaries for
not one, but two rides this year.

... To our safety chairman, Lee
Hoth, for his attendance and
help at our rides.

... To our new ride managers
this year, Linda and Russ Jones,
Tracie Scarlett, Judy Mason,
Calvin Reed, and Roxann Lane.
Thank you for a job well done
and for stepping in when you
were needed.

... To all our "seasoned" ride
management, our gratitude for
your hard work and continued
dedication to our sport and
region.

... To all our volunteer ride
workers, we'd be lost without
you.

... To Bill Smith, our National
NATRC president, and his
entire family for their unselfish
dedication to our sport.

... To Donna Schriefer for
chairing the year-end seminar.

... To all our board members
for their work on behalf of the
region.

... To Kris Cummings and
Judy Benham for working so
hard to figure year-end points
and horse and rider mileage and
worker awards.

... To Lovell Sasser who put
on a very successful Benefit
Ride for our region this year,
and to Dee Overholt for
volunteering to chair the Benefit
Ride in 2001.

... To Linell Miller for
chairing the Region 3 NATRC
booth at the 2000 Horse Expo in
Denver.

... To all our vet judges and
horsemanship judges who travel
long distances and work long
hours to judge our rides. We
really appreciate you!

... To Ken Wolgram and
Summer (Grand Champion) for
bringing the Championship
Challenge back to Region 3 for
the second year in a row and
Ken's 4th place heavyweight
finish. To Kathy Shanor, 1st
place lightweight finish and top
rider overall and to MKS
Fancy's Folly, 3rd place
lightweight horse. And to Marc
Shanor, Matt Baker, Roxann
Lane, and Betty Wolgram and
their horses for finishing the
ride.

... To all our members who
support our region with their
dues and with their presence at
the rides and other Region 3
activities during the year.

**THANK YOU ALL!
EVERYBODY IN THE
REGION SHOULD SEE
THEMSELVES IN AT
LEAST ONE OF THESE
"HIGH FIVES"!!!**

**LET'S MAKE 2001 AN
EVEN BETTER YEAR FOR
REGION 3!!!**

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THE PASSING OF A FRIEND

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Elizabeth "Betts" Gamble, wife for over fifty years of Clair Gamble, friend/adopter/volunteer of the Colorado Trail. Betts was also an early worker for the Top of the World Ride for a number of years and a wonderful, cheerful lady. Submitted by: Judi Tobias

CONGRATULATIONS FOR ACHIEVING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2001!!!

Quickly/Betty Wolgram
Summer/Ken Wolgram
Brown R-Dawud/Judy Mason
Lady's Charlie B/Janine Ancell
Sky/Kathy Budd
MKS Fancy's Folly/Kymberlie Shanor

June's Lucky Mac/Bill Smith
SW Windwalker/Dee Overholt

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED. . . .

to attend the annual Mountain Region Endurance Riders Convention and Trade Show on Saturday, February 17, 2001, at the Holiday Inn Centennial Airport, Englewood, CO.

Our keynote speaker this year is Dr. Marvin Beeman, who will be presenting his world renowned lecture on "Conformation: Form & Function."

Returning for a second year is noted equine nutritionist Susan Garlinghouse, MS, who will be delivering her talk on "Debunking Feeding Myths." We will be adding more speakers as the time of the convention draws near. This is a great educational AND fun event. For more information, please phone Holly Ulyate, NATRC Region 3 and MRER member (303) 814-5809 or email

MRERENDUR@yahoo.com.

WAITING

I shall miss it now that it is gone,
That smell of salt, grass breath, and manure.
But not for long, surely not for long.
He awaits, hot breath a cloud in the cold air,
Tromping the snow, making it fly.
He waits.

I shall miss it now that it is gone,
The calls for an early start, the snorts of pleasure, oh, how I shall pine.
No, not for long, he calls me still, he will not be alone.
His voice ringing, sending shivers up my arms, down my spine.
How can I bear it?
He waits.

I shall miss it now that it is gone,
The click, snap and slap of tack, the spark of steel against rock.
Yes, I can hear it, for deep, deep is the bond
In my dreams, in my blood, pounding, yearning, pulling me again to be the jock.
Leather slack in my fingers,
He waits.

I shall not miss it now that it is gone,
The long winter, cold and shivering, devoid of trails.
Yes, for at last I am answering, the misery done,
Wet breath in my ear, mane in my fingers, muscle against muscle, nothing ails.
For once again we are on the trails, and,
He waits no more.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Raindrops on noses and playful barn kittens,
Fleecy girth covers and warm woolen mittens,
Loft full of hay bales all tied up with string,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Bay-colored ponies and freshly groomed poodles,
Harness and sleigh bells and hot apple strudel,
Jumpers that fly o'er the moon without wings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

CTR riders in bright spandex breeches,
Judges that watch us sidepass on beaches,
Fat, old gray broodmares that foal in the Spring,
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the bills come
When the vet calls
When I'm feeling stressed
I simply remember my favorite things
And then I don't feel depressed.

By Linda McGrath, Region 4
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DEADLINE FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER:

January 22, 2001

REGION 3 MEMBERS PLEASE!

For the first issue of the near year, I would like to do a collage of riding photos of horses, riders, workers, you name it...from the 2000 ride season.

Please send me a photo!

Betty Wolgram, Editor

N.A.T.R.C. 2001 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(INCLUDES Regional Membership)

DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE ON JANUARY 1, 2001

- () FAMILY..... \$60/year - \$40 N.A.T.R.C. dues/\$20 reimbursed to Region) - Household of 1 or 2 adults & children under the age of 18 as of Jan. 1 (two votes)
- () SENIOR \$50/year - \$35 N.A.T.R.C. dues/\$15 reimbursed to Region) - Single adult member (one vote)
- () JUNIOR \$35/year - \$20 N.A.T.R.C. dues/\$10 reimbursed to Region) - Single junior member under age 18 (no vote)
- () SINGLE LIFETIME - \$600.00 Any person of any age (one vote) - includes single regional lifetime membership **
- () FAMILY LIFETIME - \$800.00 Husband and/or wife at time membership obtained & children under the age of 18 as of Jan. 1 (two votes) - includes family lifetime regional membership for husband and/or wife **

** Lifetime N.A.T.R.C. members as of December 31, 2000, are grandfathered into lifetime regional membership.

	List all additional Family Members:	Birthdate If Youth:
Name _____	_____	_____
Street _____	_____	_____
City, State _____ Zip _____	_____	_____
Phone _____ - _____ - _____		

****NEW Family, Senior, Junior Members deduct 50%
of Sundowner Trailers! (Offer expires after first 200 new members in 2001)**

Courtesy

CHECK ONE:

() Renewal Member	Type of Membership _____	Fee \$ _____	Enclosed \$ _____
() New Member **	Type of Membership _____	Fee \$ _____	Enclosed \$ _____

** N.A.T.R.C. member most responsible for recruiting you as a new member _____

Please check the Region you wish to be a member of: () Region 1 () Region 2 () Region 3
() Region 4 () Region 5 () Region 6

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

**N.A.T.R.C.
P.O. Box 2136
Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557-2136**

REGION 3 NEWSLETTER

YEAR-END GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT!

Thanks to all the wonderful people who ran for the Region 3 Board of Directors for next year. These are the folks responsible for keeping our sport healthy and growing in the future. They will make the policies and decisions that will encourage people to try the sport, that will encourage new ride managers to step forward, and that will help riders and managers stay enthused. We wish them good luck. The Region 3 Board of Directors for 2001 will be:

District 1 - Linell Miller and Tracie Scarlett

District 2 - Judy Benham and Kathy Shanor

District 3 - Linda Jones and Judy Mason

At-Large - Sue Peters, Doreen Portner, Dee Overholt. These are your representatives. Talk to them when you have suggestions or concerns about our sport. We can't do anything about a problem if we are not aware it exists. Help us find solutions.

Thanks to Donna Schriefer for finding people to run, sending out the ballots and tallying the results while being a hardworking vet student and planning her wedding and organizing our convention and working for a living. (And the rest of us are too busy to do what?)

Some of our Region 3 riders went to the Championship Challenge in Tennessee this year, and once again brought back the top trophy. Ken Wolgram and his horse Summer won the Grand Champion Horse this year. Kathy Shanor was the top lightweight rider and high point rider overall. Our other riders, Matt Baker, Marc Shanor, Roxann Lane, and Betty Wolgram, did well also, and everyone finished. I would like to congratulate everyone who went. These are very tough and grueling events to participate in, and the trip out there to represent Region 3 is hard on those wonderful horses and their riders.

Speaking of the Championship Challenge, Bill and Jenny Smith have volunteered to run the CC in New Mexico next year at the Chokecherry site. They are already hard at work laying out lots of new trails. They have purchased a GPS so the trails and maps will be perfect. Please volunteer to help if you can and donate money if you can. Bill and Jenny always do a masterful job so we really expect the best CC ride ever. If you have a qualified horse, definitely consider

entering the ride. The CC rides are very challenging, lots of fun, you could win, and it certainly won't be this near again for several years. Let's keep the trophy in the Region for yet another year. We're on a roll!

Our final event of the season will be the awards banquet and convention to be held at the Holiday Inn in Fort Collins, CO, on January 12-14, 2001. This is always a fun event. We get to clean up, see folks we haven't seen in months or even years, learn lots of new information and ideas, find out how we did this season overall, and gather our mileage and worker awards. Donna Schriefer has pulled lots of strings and we will have wonderful tours of the vet school with a number of learned speakers. Plan to come early and stay late. Maybe we can even dance all night like in the old days. Donna will need lots of door prizes and Hospitality Room fodder, so please contact her with your donations at (970) 278-9795.

I would like to thank outgoing board members Dan Fredal, Donna Schriefer, Diana Thearin, Judd Adams, and Betty Wolgram. They were all wonderful and really helped the region over the last few years. Betty Wolgram will still do the newsletter and the ride book. Can you imagine how much work this woman accomplishes beautifully and works full time and rides all the rides plus many out of region rides every year? What a Woman!

I have enjoyed being the president of the region this year; it is an honor! I believe that, thanks to the wonderful Board of Directors and ride management, we made some good progress. Membership and ridership is up, we had lots of wonderful rides, mostly full, and we certainly had fun and learned a bunch. Of course, more always needs to be done. We need a few more rides in more areas so our new riders have a better chance of getting into a ride. We need to help management with more workers, and we need a way to get riders to cancel from rides earlier if necessary so it isn't such a last minute and financial burden on management, etc., etc., etc. So, there will be lots to keep the Board busy for another year.

Hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and New Year. Plan on coming to Convention and get tuned up for the Millennium year.

Judy Wise Mason, President