

REGION 3 NEWSLETTER

WESTERN SLOPE HOSTS SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION...

The Holiday Inn in Grand Junction was the site for Region 3's 2001 ride season year-end convention on Saturday, March 9, and, thanks to its dedicated organizers, outgoing president Judy Mason, and Sue Benjamin, it was a huge success.

Starting the educational and activity-filled day was our own Neal McKinstry who gave a thorough and very informative slide presentation on recognizing and avoiding toxic weeds in our pastures and out on the trail.

Next, farrier Mike Lee captivated the audience by sharing some very useful pointers on how to recognize a good shoeing job and how to work with a farrier (without alienating him or her) to get that good job. Mike spent two hours explaining some often difficult to understand concepts in easy to understand layman's terms, drawing pictures, fielding questions, and addressing individual concerns.

After a brief general membership meeting and lunch break, AVCA certified animal chiropractor Rick Kauffman spoke on the uses and possible results of chiropractic treatment, stretches and other exercises to help our horses both feel and perform better, and problem areas to be aware of, such as saddle fit and poor riding technique.

The final speaker of the day was Kathy Morris Budd, who gave a "short but very sweet" presentation on what to do if (or rather when) your horse "loses it" at a ride. Her presentation helped a lot of us understand how our horses might be thinking in competitive situations. Showing how a "picture is worth a thousand words," Kathy demonstrated the way a horse's mind can be affected by events at a ride by taking a glass of clear water (our horse's normal mind) and pouring cream into it (our horse's mind under stress). Everybody in the audience could relate to THAT image and her suggestions on how to keep your cool and help your horse were very well received.

The day's program ended with a ride management brainstorm panel where many questions were asked and suggestions given on how to improve our rides without placing undue stress on management.

Then, it was party time, with dinner at 6:30, followed by the annual vest auction and awards presentation. V & S Auction Service owner Steve Claypoole, who had donated his services for this highly successful fund raiser the first time it was held four years ago in Craig, Colorado, was on hand to conduct the best auction ever. Thanks to his fun-filled showmanship and the incredible generosity of Region 3 members, the vest auction set a record that will be very hard to beat, \$4,115.00!

After the excitement of the auction settled, the moment everyone had been waiting for arrived with the presentation of the annual worker and horse and rider awards. New president and emcee Marc Shanor read the list of recipients, and award chairman Kris Cummings doled out the seemingly endless array of chevrons, glasses, goblets, plates, and ribbons to volunteers and competitors for their work and achievements during the 2001 ride season. Special thanks to Kris Cummings and Judy Benham who work so hard to figure the year-end points and averages for these awards, and thank you again, Kris, for ordering as well as hauling what seems like tons of awards to Convention each year.

Though the conclusion of awards brought Convention 2001 to an "official" end, a number of diehard, fun-loving folks continued to celebrate until the wee hours in the hospitality room. We knew the after hours party was a great success when a kindly gentleman from security visited our group and politely asked us to please keep the noise down.

Next year it's the Front Range's turn!
See you on the trails!

Betty Wolgram
Editor



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President's Message:

First, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for the opportunity to serve the region as its president this year. It is an honor and I hope that I can meet the high standards that have been set by previous presidents of Region 3.

The privilege of serving as president of Region 3 leads into what I would like to talk about for this president's message. I would like to discuss service to NATRC, both regional and national. I am sure that the majority of the members know that it takes a large amount of volunteer time to put on the rides that we all enjoy.

The volunteers putting on these rides do so because they want to. They take the time to organize the ride, and they make significant financial commitments to put on the ride. Ride management organizes the other volunteers that they will need throughout the ride. And, just as important, they do the cleanup after the ride. Also, in some cases they bear the burden of financial loss. The volunteers who come to the ride to help also donate their free time to be there for the riders so that all can have a good time.

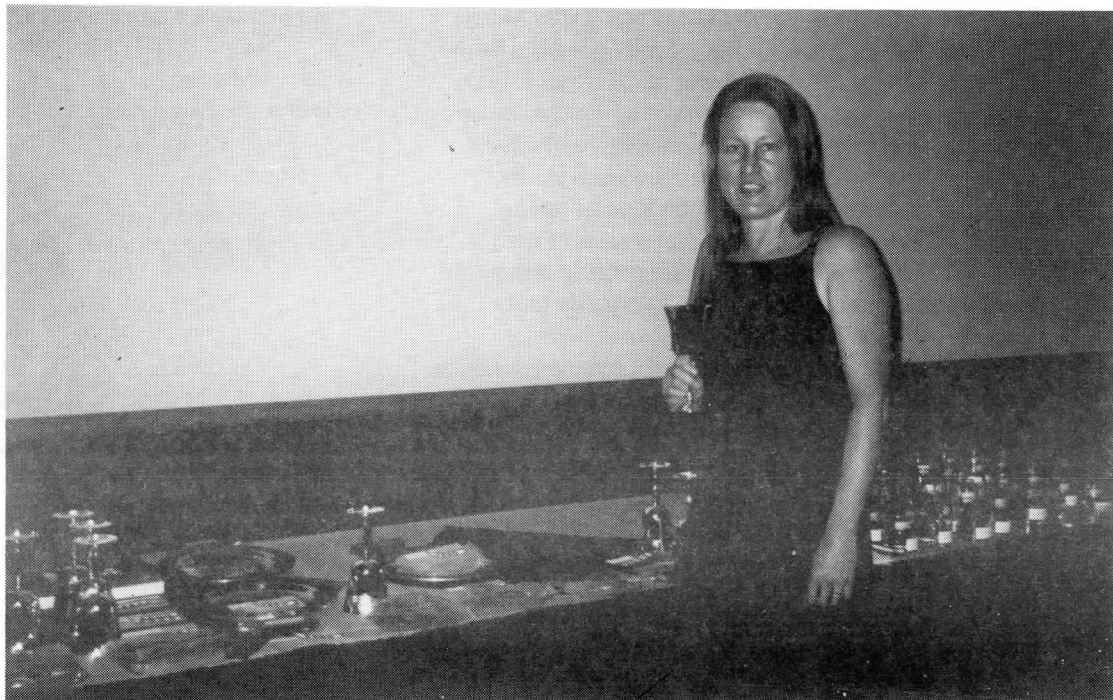
(Below): Awards Chairman
Extraordinaire Kris Cummings awaits
the next recipient of a goblet at
Convention 2001.
Photo donated by Tracie Scarlett.

We owe the myriad of volunteers who give up their time for us a very special thank you. Without them we would not have any rides to attend and have a good time at. I would like to see Region 3 become the region known for treating volunteers well and for going out of the way to say thank you for allowing the riders to have a good time out riding trails with friends and family.

So it would be nice to see and hear compliments and thank you's to our volunteers this year. Let me start at the beginning of the ride season by saying, **"Thank you, volunteers,"** without you we wouldn't have any rides.

Marc Shanor

P. S. If anyone has questions or concerns they would like brought up, you can e-mail me at mshanor@worldnet.att.net.



SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - MARCH 8, 2002 - GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

Board members present: Judy Mason, Marc Shanor, Tracie Scarlett, Betty Wolgram, Susan Peters, Linda Jones, Linell Miller, Laura Schumack, Kathy Shanor, Doreen Portner.
Board members absent: Dee Overholt, Darrell Dye.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Judy Mason.

Doreen Portner relinquished her District 3 Board position since she is now on the National Board. Judy Mason nominated Laura Schumack to fulfill the remainder of Doreen's term. Laura was unanimously approved and seated on the Board.

Minutes of previous meeting were read by secretary Tracie Scarlett and approved. Treasurer's and Membership Reports were read by Marc Shanor and approved.

National Board meeting report: Kathy Shanor and Doreen Portner reported that the convention in Dallas was excellent. One of the topics covered which should be of great concern, especially to those who travel with their horses is the parasite problem, specifically the West Nile virus and EPM. 2002 Rule Books are out and include new rules changes including approving the use of sliding tethers at the discretion of ride management, disallowing the use of any disposable items in order to make weight (i.e. food, water, fly spray, etc.), and defining the horse's leg ("Protective devices on the legs of the horse are not allowed. The leg is defined as all structures above and including the coronet band.) Some rules were rewritten to achieve clarification, etc. Members are reminded to request a new rule book at their first ride and become familiar with rules changes or rewording.

Competitive Pleasure Split Class: Kathy Shanor reported that the National Board is allowing Region 3 to experiment with offering two classes in the C/P Division due to the large numbers of C/P riders in our region. Splitting the division will not be mandatory for our rides and will be at the discretion of the management of each ride. The division will be split by age. Masters will be for anyone 50 and over. Regular will be 49 and under. Riders will be on the honor system with declaring their age class. No ties can go to National and only the top six in the entire division will be reported. After discussion, the Board voted to reimburse each of our rides that offers the split class the cost of the additional horse and horsemanship ribbons. Kathy Shanor will contact the ride management of each ride regarding offering the split classes.

Junior Rider Program: Board voted to continue offering three 1/2 price ride entries for juniors for the 2002 season.

Board approved to rejoin Colorado Horse Council.

Region 3 Benefit Ride: Theme of the Benefit ride which will be held at Chokecherry on September 28-29 will be Mardi Gras New Mexico. Chuck Smith is ride chair; judges are Jerry Weil and Terry Yates. Donations for the benefit will be needed.

Worker Pool: Ride Managers are asked to contact Bill Smith or Kathy Shanor if they need help with specific problems such as cooking for large numbers of people, safety riders, obtaining other key workers, etc.

Ride Funding: Board will approve some first-time ride dollars as requested by ride secretary Linell Miller for the Rocky Mountain Dream CTR if needed.

Membership Directory: Membership list will be published in the May/June newsletter as an insert in basically the same format as last year.

Championship Challenge: Board approved the donation of \$350.00 for the 2002 CC Ride to be hosted by Region 6.

Region 3 Questionnaire: Marc Shanor volunteered to make up a questionnaire and members are asked to e-mail Marc with any questions they would like to see include.

2002 Ride Season Novice Policy: Motion passed to let novices who achieve their 5th first place in horse and/or horsemanship to complete the year in Novice Division.

Election of New Board Officers for 2002:

Marc Shanor -	President
Susan Peters -	Vice-president
Tracie Scarlett -	Secretary
Kathy Shanor -	Treasurer

2002 Board of Directors Meetings:

May 26, 2002	- Cavalier CTR, after checkout on Sunday.
August 17, 2002	- Colorado Trail CTR, 12:00 noon before check-in.
October 5, 2002	- Judy Mason's house, TBA.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

(Summary prepared by Betty Wolgram,
Newsletter Editor)

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Section VI B 3 of the NATRC rule book defines the giving of these awards by NATRC:

Regional Awards:

- a. These Regional Championships are given for combined horse and horsemanship. These points are based on the table in Section VI C 3.
- b. All points for rides in which the same horse and rider combination competed will be added together and the placings determined by the most points.
- c. Except for Region 1A, Regional Championships in all Divisions and Classes (see Section III), first through sixth place, will be awarded annually on the basis of points awarded within the designated Region of the horse and rider (See Section I B 5).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WINNERS FOR THE 2001 RIDE SEASON:

Open Heavyweight:

- 1st Jenny Smith/Rock'n Easy Ruby
- 2nd Bill Smith/June's Lucky Mac
- 3rd (tie) Darrell Dye/Celebrean
- 3rd (tie) Jill Hicks/Gold Rush
- 4th Ken Wolgram/Summer
- 5th Don Budd/BHR Hosan's Polly Ann
- 6th Lonnie Smith/Jamaican Me Crazy

Open Lightweight:

- 1st (tie) Kathy Shanor/MKS Shamal Nejma
- 1st (tie) Betty Wolgram/Quickly
- 2nd Judy Wise Mason/Brown-R Dawud
- 3rd Terri Smith/S.A. Boomer
- 4th Donna Johnson/Blue Skies Afyre
- 5th Laura Schumack/Anna Versary
- 6th Roxann Lane/Remington Steel

Open Junior:

- 1st Kimberlie Shanor/Morning Promise
- 2nd Chuck Smith/Dutchess Royal Duke

Novice Heavyweight:

- 1st Lou Ann Washington (Colby)/Warrior's Confederate Prince
- 2nd Kay Gunckel/Sea Star Lady
- 3rd (tie) Stace Moss/CD
- 3rd (tie) Pat Wilson/Dennis the Menace
- 4th Olga Spanhoff/Nelcrest Mirage
- 5th Jeff Brown/Brazos Blaze
- 6th Jon Tanner/Porter

Regional Championship Winners (continued)

Novice Lightweight:

- 1st Cindy Harder/Dichoso
- 2nd Nancy Frank/CR Blaze of Glory
- 3rd Vonnie Frane/Twizzler
- 4th (tie) Diana Marquardt/Resort Valley Sparkler
- 4th (tie) Alyce Wich/El Zakar
- 5th Sally Beck/Kentucky Moonshine
- 6th Nancy Pitman/J. Kay Flashdance

Novice Junior:

- 1st Matthew Shanor/Egyptian Gem Star
- 2nd Jasmine Snyder/Shadow's Bold Princess
- 3rd Jessica Vose/Foxton Bon Bon Belle
- 4th Rebecca Runyan/Ginger
- 5th (tie) Katie Foulk/Singer Profit
- 5th (tie) Brittney Gittens/Generators Iron Master

Competitive Pleasure:

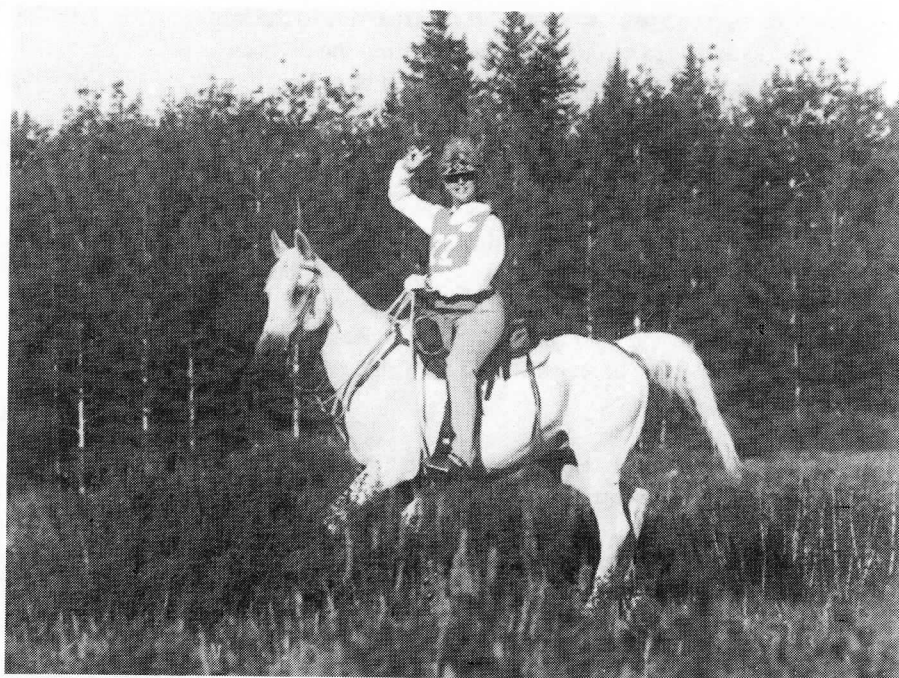
- 1st Marc Shanor/Sierra Blue
- 2nd Linell Miller/Dutch
- 3rd Susan Peters/Tim's Black Cloud
- 4th Tracie Scarlett/Cougar
- 5th Lori Heckelman/Cat's Fury
- 6th Steve Gordon/Big Mac's My My

Corrections to Region 3 Year-End Awards from January/February newsletter:

Melanie Son, 500 points, was inadvertently omitted from the Worker Points list.

Novice Lightweight Horse 4th place award should read Kentucky Moonshine/Sally Beck.

(Below): Congratulations to Terri Smith and S. A. Boomer for winning both the Ruth Tyree High Average Horsemanship and the Ken Burkdoll Combined High Average Horse/Rider Awards for the 2001 Ride Season. Photo Courtesy of Christy Cumberworth.



MUSTANGS CAN TEACH YOU A LOT!

Submitted by: Marlene Moss

A little over a year ago, Stace and I got the opportunity to buy a mustang gelding. The timing was perfect, and Stace and "CD" did really well last summer. But CD was a little on the small side and we realized that he probably wasn't going to be the best long-term horse, especially if Stace wanted to go with me and "speed-demon" Venesza to some of the multi-day endurance rides we have planned.

So we thought about looking at more mustangs. We visited Canon City and Stace found a very cute gelding, now named MREA Sundance, that had been saddle-trained. Soon after, I found a halter trained mare on the BLM online bidding site and threw one bid in right before the system got so busy that I was locked out. It took a while, but I eventually found out that I had bought her for \$400.

We quickly worked on another corral - BLM requires six-foot fences for non-saddle trained horses - and drove down to pick her up. She was pretty nervous at new people being around her, but I could tell that she trusted her handler. They assign one inmate to a horse, so she was used to him. She did hop right in the trailer, so we took her home and named her MREA Bonnie.

Now her (and my) training began! It is amazing what a nearly wild horse can teach you. My first goals were just to be able to touch her anywhere and to move around her. Bonnie learned to like some alfalfa cubes and apple-flavored treats and that really helped our work. We used the Lyons (and other similar trainers) round pen techniques to teach her that she could stay out on the circle and have to work or come to the center and get petted and eat treats.

One of my first lessons was not to pat/slap her. It's something that I "knew" but had always had to fight the habit I'd picked up as a kid. And most horses have learned to put up with the "good boy/girl pat," so I never quite got rid of the habit. The first (and last) time I did it to Bonnie, she'd just figured out to come to the center of the pen and stand for petting and had let me get to her shoulder. As soon as I did the pat, she got a terrible look in her eye and took off. It took a whole session to get back to that point again. Since then, every training session has shown improvement and she usually picks up right where we left off.

We keep working on the tolerable physical contact areas and it is slow, tough going. For some reason, she is very nervous about contact between and just behind her front legs. She learned that I wanted her to stand even though we were working free in the round pen, but she would just stand there and tremble while I touched her. Lots of approach and retreat and she's doing much better in these areas. I still have to be careful not to startle her, but she now trusts me to touch her anywhere.

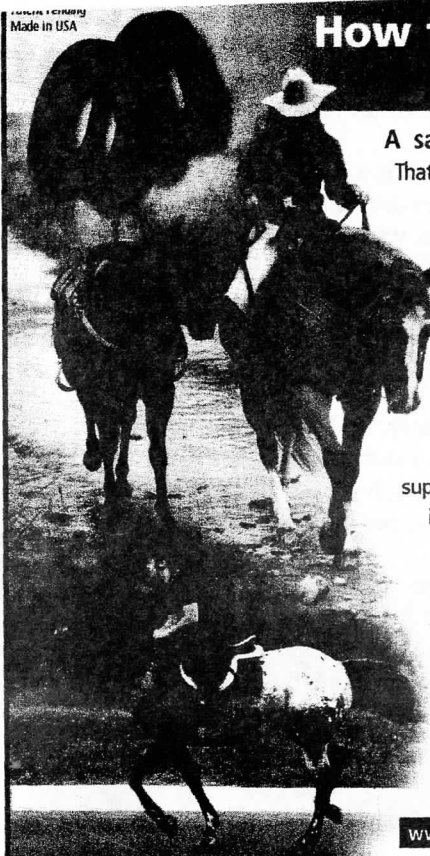
Another lesson I've learned is just what it must mean for a horse to give you its foot. We are asking them to put their lives in our hands since we are essentially taking away their defense mechanism of fleeing. Although Bonnie had been trained to have her feet picked up at Canon City, I could tell it was still a huge trust issue with her.

The next steps will be to focus on getting her to handle fear better. We will work with bringing lots of things, saddle pads, plastic, whatever I can think of, to each training session. When that is going well, I need to start getting more people involved. Even with me holding the lead rope, she will not stand for Stace approaching with a treat. Not quite ready for a vet check yet!

Bonnie is now five but I don't expect to ride her before seven. We will take this very slow, maybe try driving before riding. We've seen her buck; it's one of those rodeo-bronc rear, leap, twist, and kick maneuvers. Her hind feet end up higher than her head! I am not in a hurry to get tossed off her. I want riding to be the complete non-event it was for my young Arab and I'm in no hurry.

Besides, I'm sure she has lots more to teach me first!!

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COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDING FOR THE HORSE SHOW PARENT

By: *Rochelle Thompson*

Many of you know how hectic it can be to take your child to a horse show. Well, let me describe another world to you, the world of competitive trail riding with the NATRC (North American Trail Ride Conference). Come spend a weekend with my family as we compete.

Friday: Friday is hectic in the normal way. The truck and the trailer must be packed. The horses must be loaded into the trailer, the kids must be loaded and belted into the truck, and you must drive to and find the location of the trail ride. This is not difficult since you are provided with excellent directions and a map when you send in your entries.

When you arrive, you set up camp and sign in. Each rider gets a packet with a map of the trail, a vest, and some numbers. Put the numbered vest on each child, put the matching number on the halter of the appropriate horse, slap the number on the trailer where the horse is tied, and you are done. Once everything is properly numbered, it can be judged, and you are not allowed to help in any way. (I knew you would like this part.)

Riders fill the hay nets and tie them to the trailer. They fill the water bucket, drag it to the trailer, and attach it so the horse can drink. They clean the horse and any manure that accumulates. Food and water must be available to the horses at all times. At any time from sign in on Friday through checkout on Sunday, the judges can do trailer checks (white glove inspection) of the area where the horses are stabled.

In the afternoon, the horse and rider check in. This is similar to what you do in a halter class. There are two judges, a horsemanship judge for the rider and a vet judge who judges the horses. The horse is checked for soundness, is lunged in both directions, and trotted in front of both judges. The rider is judged on how he handles the horse, how well groomed the horse is, and how the rider responds to the judge's requests.

Later on Friday evening, there is a meeting for the riders where the trail master describes the trail for Saturday in great detail including where to find water for horses. Riders should bring their maps and take notes. The judges explain what they will be looking for during the ride and answer any questions. There will be several judged "obstacles" on the trail, such as crossing a creek, maneuvering a rocky trail, stopping, backing up, etc.

Saturday: Get the kids up early, feed them breakfast, and make sure they have a lunch, water bottles, maps, and slickers packed on the horses, however, in the case of a small child and a large horse, you are allowed to place the saddle on the horse.

Once the riders have gone, you have seven hours of time to yourself. You could go back to sleep, write that novel, or just enjoy the spectacular scenery around you. If you are a worry wart and have a watch that keeps track of time to the second, you could volunteer to help do pulse and respiration checks (P & R's) at the check points along the

trail. This has advantages. They feed you lunch, you get to walk around with a stethoscope around your neck (pretend you are important like a doctor), and you will see your children several times during the day (making sure they are still alive).

Saturday evening I recommend buying the meal if there is one provided at the ride. It is usually delicious, you don't have to cook, and you get to talk to the other people at the ride. Later in the evening, there is another meeting where the trail master describes the Sunday trail and the judges discuss what they saw during the day and answer any questions.

Sunday: Sunday morning you will need the strenuous wake-up procedures that are required Thursday mornings on a school week. This involves a crow bar and getting them out of the sack fifteen minutes earlier than the day before. Fix breakfast (take this opportunity to get rid of that half-empty box of cereal that no one will eat and that has been sitting in the cupboard for the last month), make sure they have a snack, water bottles, maps, and slickers packed on the horses.



(Sketch by *Rochele Thompson*)

(CTR for the Horse Show Parent continued)

Sunday's ride is shorter, five to six hours instead of seven or more and does not include a lunch stop so you do not need to pack lunch. Again, you have your free time. Sunday afternoon there is a checkout. Horses are again checked for soundness and vests are turned in. When the scores have all been calculated, there is an awards ceremony. Awards are given for first through sixth place for riders and horses in each division. This is the best part. Everyone who has competed gets two score cards, one for the rider and one for the horse. What a concept! These cards go into detail for every score and have definitions on the back for each code. The riders know what they did right and where mistakes were made.

The people who do these rides are wonderful. This is not a race. It is not a cut-throat competition. You make friends, talk with each other on the trail, and enjoy the scenery and time away from hectic schedules. If someone on the trail needs help, the competitors will stop and help them too, not just the safety riders.

This sport has been great for my kids. They spend hours on their horses and outdoors. They learned how to take care of their horses, train them, and condition them. They can read a map and follow directions. The time spent conditioning and competing has created a bond between rider and horse. The horses love getting out on the trail and relaxing. That push-button, show ring expert is sure he died and went to heaven.

You can also make this a family affair. My husband and I both compete in these rides with the kids and look forward to each ride season.

PRE-RIDE MEETING HELPS NEW MANAGEMENT

By: Tracie Scarlett

Back in December I got a call from Linell Miller asking me about my opinion about holding a manager meeting for the up and coming new ride Rocky Mountain Dream CTR, the progress on which was well underway. I offered my house and it turned out to be a chili potluck lunch that was very informative for all in attendance.

We all met on January 6, Linell Miller, the new ride's ride secretary, Diana Marquardt, new ride chairman, Gary Inman (chili man), Susan Peters, Jane Young, and myself. We spent five hours discussion the finer art of putting on a competitive trail ride without losing your shirt, or your mind for that matter.

The Rocky Mountain Dream CTR was already sanctioned for September 14-15, 2002, and the judges were in place as were most of the key players. Diana and Linell had already done a lot of their homework and we were all very excited about this new Eastern Slope ride. They couldn't say enough about all the amenities that would be provided on site at the YMCA of the Rockies (Snow Mountain Ranch), including pool, showers, massage therapist, and catered dinner. I signed up on the spot!!

Some of the topics that initiated some heated discussion were allowing dogs in camp, how to prepare the meals for all those workers, no-shows, the inevitable "will anybody come?", and many more.

I truly hope that in the future more meetings like this will take place for our ride managers-to-be. We all hold a little knowledge that can go a long way for helping new managers or for simply improving an existing ride.

(Left to right): Jane Young, Tracie Scarlett, Gary Inman, Linell Miller, Diana Marquardt, and Susan Peters have a great time at their very productive pre-ride management meeting.

Photo donated by Tracie Scarlett.





NATURAL SUN - HEART OF GOLD
(Photo faxed in by Marilyn Billings)

GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN . . .

By: Marilyn Billings

"Sunny," as we knew him, left us on that bitter cold Monday, February 25, following a weekend of spring-like temperatures in the 60's and low 70's, as a result of colic. Dr. McEntyre, Don, and I worked with Sunny for seven hours before his heart failed, probably as a result of the stress.

Many of you knew him as Sue Bretag's beautiful palomino who came to live with us after Sue's death.** That was in October, 1986, sixteen years ago. The following spring we competed in the NATRC ride at the Air Force Academy as Sue had wished, and he placed 3rd in his division in his first competitive ride.

He was a special guy who knew he was special, with a regal attitude and appearance which gained him our nickname of "Prince Palomino." We later learned that he was in fact, very special because he was not a palomino at all but a very unusual golden dun, coloring which is difficult to attain.

Sunny was strong willed and full of heart and personality; he was 34 when we lost him and still looked beautiful. His last ride was his Christmas ride decked out in sleigh bells and green and red ribbons. Riding through the Garden of the Gods, he was happy and full of energy, more like a 4-year-old than 34.

He gave far more to us than we could ever have given him. We can only hope that Sue and Sunny are happily riding endless fields of wildflowers. Thanks, Sunny, for our many hours together, all the good times, and the good memories. You could never be forgotten.

** Sue Bretag was an advocate for trails and open space in the Colorado Springs area. She led a massive project to keep horses in the Garden of the Gods and Manitou Springs. She was an active member of NATRC, the Cavalier Trail Riding Club, El Paso County Horse Council, and Colorado Horse Council. Region 3 honors her memory by giving an annual award (The Sue Bretag Memorial) to a member nominated and voted on by the membership who has made a valuable contribution of time and effort to the Region within the past year.



Lee Hoth, winner of the Sue Bretag Memorial Award for the 2001 Ride Season, on his mare Cinco.
(Photo by Christy Cumberworth)

REGION 3 MENTOR PROGRAM UPDATE

Submitted By: Doreen Portner

A mentor is a person who voluntarily helps other riders to achieve the best that they can do either at rides or between rides. A mentor should be familiar with NATRC rules and procedures and be able to communicate this with others. The better one feels he or she is performing usually the more confident one feels and can enjoy him/herself more. Mentors are there to assist people to have fun and feel more confident with their increasing skills. A mentor by no means has to know everything. Sometimes a few friendly hints are all it takes to help another rider's confidence.

This year one regional board member will coordinate with the ride manager at each ride to match those who want to be mentors and those who want assistance. This person will be called the Ride Mentor Coordinator and will send the Mentor Program manager a list of mentors and "mentees" for each particular ride.

A mentor:

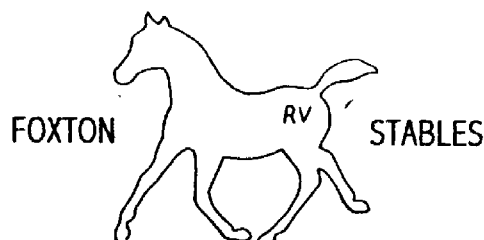
- *is available at and/or between rides.
- *is patient.
- *knows and follows NATRC rules.
- *makes suggestions rather than giving advice.
- *gives examples of what works for them.
- *works with ride management and mentor coordinator.
- *is not expected to have all the answers. Lots of times there is not just one answer.

Ride Coordinators for Mentors:

Water Boy	Betty Wolgram
Louie Pavetti	Laura Schumack
Navajo Lake	Linda Jones
Cavalier	Tracie Scarlett
Willow Springs	Doreen Portner
Strawberry	Judy Mason
El Jinete	Linda Jones
Island in the Sky	Linell Miller
Colorado Trail	Susan Peters
Rampart Range	Kathy Shanor
Rocky Mountain Dream	Doreen Portner
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Dear Editor:

I read your editorial "DOGS IN CAMP: Blessing or Curse?" with great interest. Our two dogs, Carl and Sammie, are part of the family as is your Ned and other riders' dogs. We are thrilled that ride management allows us to bring along the "whole family."

Last year was our first ride season. We were very diligent about keeping Sammie on a leash at all times since she wanders, but we let Carl loose since he is so good about staying close. Boy, was I wrong! Carl was one of the offenders who peed on Ken and Betty's hay - we are so sorry! Karma was at work, however, for when Jeff and I were helping at the Championship Challenge, we were plagued by an unruly puppy that regularly escaped and made a beeline for our trailer!

To make a long story short, I agree 100% with Betty - we MUST keep our dogs on leashes/restrained at ALL times. Our dogs are guests at the rides and we must not abuse the invitation. Let's adopt a policy and enforce it. We can all help ride managers by reminding each other and newcomers about the policy when we see a violation.

Kathy Brown

** Editor's Note: Kathy, I had to laugh when I read your "confession." I actually used the "peeing on our hay" example from a ride we attended out of region last year. I didn't actually "catch" Carl at it :-))

Dear Members and Fellow Competitors:

As some of you may already know, I'm chairing a new ride for Region 3. September 14-15 will be the first annual Rocky Mountain Dream CTR. Grand County, Colorado, is one of the most beautiful places in the world, and I want to share it with you.

The YMCA of the Rockies will be our host for this exciting event. Located approximately seventy miles northwest of Denver, the YMCA of the Rockies (Snow Mountain Ranch) is a 5,100-acre private guest ranch with sixty-two miles of trails. Views of the Continental Divide will take your breath away. The aspens should be in their full yellow glory. Paved roads will lead you a short distance from Highway 40 to camp. Real bathrooms, showers, and a massage therapist are some of the amenities waiting for you after a hard day of riding. We will do our best to spoil you!

We'll be busy marking trails the last two weeks in August. You are welcome to keep your horse and yourself in shape by helping us. Linell Miller is my able, hardworking ride secretary, and you can contact her at (303) 423-8842 with any suggestions, offers to help, or for information. Get your entry in early as we expect to fill quickly. We'll do our best to make this a Grand ride!

Diana Marquardt

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2002 Ride Book Corrections:

Navajo Lake: Address for ride secretary Julie Middlebrook is 23 CR 2965, Aztec, NM 87410.

Rocky Mountain Dream CTR: Trail use and camping fee is \$10.00 per trailer/per night, payable at the ride.

Upcoming NATRC Clinic:

Whether you are new to NATRC and competitive trail riding or just want to polish up on your skills, Linell Miller and Jane Young are hosting a clinic at Bear Creek Lake Park located just east of C-470 on Morrison Road on Saturday, June 22.

BRING A FRIEND along and introduce them to the sport. Non-riders and auditors also welcome (let us teach you how to be a part of a fun-loving P & R team).

For more information or to register, call Linell Miller at (303) 423-8842.

Cross Training Your Horse!

Have fun and keep your horse in condition between rides!

Kenlyn Flat/Urban Challenge - May 4 and October 5

There is a new course with dirt trails, hills, creeks, and beautiful scenery. We promise to make it a special experience for everyone, from novice to expert. The prizes, awards ceremony, and dinner always add to this special day.

CAHC Poker Ride & Potluck BBQ - August 10 - 10:00 a.m.

Collected monies are put towards the CAHC year-end endurance awards and cash prizes paid the same day of the ride! You can ride and/or lead your horse. This is not a race.
Entry Fee - \$15 per hand - Bring a salad and dessert.

All activities are open to the public. If you have any questions or are interested in attending any of these activities, you may contact us. Please check our website periodically for added activities! Hope to see you!!

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Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association To Support New Year-End Awards for NATRC

At its January, 2002, Board meeting, the MFTHBA passed a motion to provide a jacket to the overall high point registered Missouri Fox Trotter from each region in NATRC (regardless of division) and a belt buckle to the overall high point Missouri Fox Trotter nationally.

A breed award certificate for individual rides will be made available to be given to the high point registered fox trotter at that ride upon request of ride management.

At the regional level we will have to keep track of the high point MFT at each ride in order to report it to the Association. Could one of you wonderful "fox trotter people" out there please contact me if you would be willing to coordinate this regional year-end breed award offer? (If I don't get a call within the next thirty days, I will be calling you!)

Thanks. Betty Wolgram.

For Sunny and all our animal friends who are gone but not forgotten.....

"Rainbow Bridge"

Just this side of Heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that animal goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food and water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who have been ill and old are restored to health and vigor;

Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; his eager body begins to quiver. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

YOU have been spotted, and when you and your special friend meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again.

The warm muzzle touches your face,
Your hands again caress the beloved face,
And you look once more into the trusting eyes of your beloved friend, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then together you and your special friend cross the RAINBOW BRIDGE.

(Author Unknown)

**N.A.T.R.C. 2002 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(INCLUDES Regional Membership)**

N.A.T.R.C. memberships include:

*Reduced ride entry fees
*Hoofprint Magazine
*Rule Book
*Region 3 Newsletter and Ride Book

*Eligibility to compete for NATRC annual
high score awards and championships,
rider and horse mileage awards.

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Select one of the following membership plans: (You will be enrolled in the region in which you reside unless otherwise requested.)

- () FAMILY \$60/year - Household of 1 or 2 adults & children under the age of 18 as of January 1 (two votes).
() SENIOR \$50/year - Single adult member (one vote).
() JUNIOR \$35/year - Single junior member under age 18 (no vote).
() SINGLE LIFETIME - \$600. Any person of any age (one vote).
() FAMILY LIFETIME - \$800. Husband and/or wife at time membership obtained & children under the age of 18 as of January 1 (two votes).

****NOTE:** All NATRC membership fees now include BOTH national and regional membership dues.

List all additional
Family members

Birth date
If Youth

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Email: _____

CHECK ONE:

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

**** NATRC member most responsible for recruiting you as a new member** _____

NEW Family, Senior, Junior Members deduct 50% - Courtesy of Sundowner Trailers! (Offer expires after first 200 new members in 2002)

N.A.T.R.C. Specialties

- () Lapel Pin \$3.00
() Patch (incl. w/membership) \$1.75
() 10" Decal \$2.00
() 4" Decal 2 for \$1.50
() Hat - (+ \$2 P&H) \$4.50
() Jacket (+ \$3 P&H) \$30.00
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How did you learn about N.A.T.R.C.? _____

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Foundation, Awards, Student Loan, or General Funds, please increase
the amount of your payment and direct how you wish it to be used.
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N.A.T.R.C. Manuals

- () Rule Book (incl.w/membership) \$2.00
() Judges' Manual * \$5.00
() Riders' Manual * \$4.00
() Management Manual * \$4.00
* Add \$1 P&H per manual)

Manuals are available to members and non-members.

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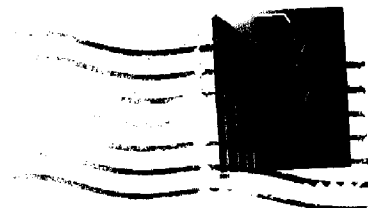
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OPTIONAL DONATIONS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED FOR REGION 3 TO HELP MAINTAIN OUR EXCELLENT SPECIAL AWARDS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS FUNDS: Please check any amount you might wish to donate to these programs, tear off the bottom of this membership application form, and mail separately with your check to our Region 3 Treasurer, Kathy Shanor, 45828 Cottonwood Hills Drive, Parker, CO 80134.

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