REGION 3 NEWSLETTER

NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE

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Championship Challenge Trophy Returns to Region 3 for Fourth Year in a Row

"If Summer couldn't win it again, I'm glad that Ruby and Jenny brought it back to Region 3," said Ken Wolgram, who rode Summer to back-to-back Challenge wins in 2000 and 2001and finished 2nd in the Heavyweight Horse division this year. Judy Mason had ridden Brown-R Dawud (Woody) to a Challenge victory in 1999, so, for a 4th year in a row, a Region 3 horse was crowned Grand Champion Horse at the end of the two-day, 80-mile Championship Challenge ride hosted by Region 6 this year at Whispering Pines Resort near Salem, Missouri. (See photos of all our Region 3 riders inside.)

The facility, located in a-beautiful pine grove, featured electrical hookups for the campers and covered stalls and running water for the horses. The autumn colors were spectacular and the weather cooperated with no rain during the ride itself (although it really poured before the ride and right after awards). Someone Up There was smiling on the 32 riders who attended the Challenge from Regions 3, 4, 5, and 6.

The vet judges, Jerry Weil and Kim McKenzie, and horsemanship judges, Gerald Ferguson and Nancy Kasovich, kept the riders busy with numerous challenging and fun obstacles. Championship Challenge 2002 was one that will be remembered a long time by those privileged to attend. Region 6 management team Martha Kunkle and Kim Downing, Co-Chairs, and Ruth Messimer, Ride Secretary, did a terrific job of taking care of the riders all weekend.

Region 6 will also be hosting the National Convention this year to be held February 13-16 in Kansas City. I hope that Region 3 can be well-represented at National Convention. It sounds as if it is going to be lots of fun as well as educational.

This is also the time of year when we can look back on what we accomplished with our horses during the past year and envision our goals for next year. I really believe in goals; I set goals every week, every month, every year. Maybe you might think I'm compulsive (I even keep track of my goals and how I'm progressing by writing them down), but I feel that if we don't set goals, we won't ever extend our potential to achieve. Setting a goal is half the battle of getting there.

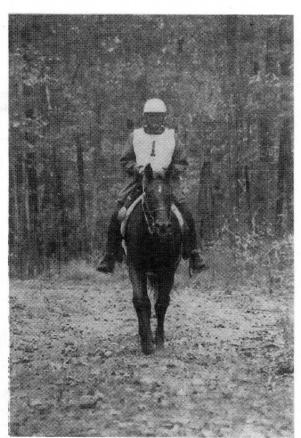
One goal I would like to encourage everyone to set this year would be to serve as a volunteer worker for at least one ride during the season. It's easy. Don't wait to be asked. Just pick up the phone and call a ride chair and ask him or her what job you can fill. Your effort WILL be appreciated.

Also, whether you are riding or working a ride, ask a friend to come along with you. It's a great way to introduce someone to our wonderful sport.

Last but not least, please mark your calendars to attend the Region 3 year-end seminar to be held Saturday, January 18, in Denver, Colorado (see insert inside for information and registration form). It's really easy this time of year to get so busy with the holidays that we overlook the January "happenings." And this is one you won't want to miss.

I hope that all of you and your families and loved ones have a happy and safe holiday season.

Betty Wolgram Newsletter Editor



Rock'n E.Z. Ruby lives up to the Number #1 on Jenny Smith's vest as she wins the 2002 Championship Challenge Ride held on October 26 & 27 at Whispering Pines Resort in Salem.

Missouri. (Photo Courtesy of Christy Cumberworth)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For this president's message, I would like to start by congratulating everyone who participated in NATRC this year. Even though we lost a couple of rides this year, we still had a very good turnout at the rides we did have, and it seemed that everyone was having a good time. In this column I would like to say thank you to all those who made the year one to remember.

The end of the year is a good time to reflect on what happened over the past year. We had some adversity this year (early and persistent fire season in Region 3), but from talking to and working with ride management and volunteers, it is clear to me that our members and volunteers stepped up to the challenges this year. Thanks to their efforts we only lost two rides to the fire season. It could have been much worse had not ride management worked tirelessly to get permission to put rides on. To them, I think the entire region owes a GREAT BIG THANK YOU. Their efforts more than anyone else's made this a successful ride year, which I, for one, will remember for a long time.

The end of the year is also the time that we elect new board members. I would like to say thank you to the Region 3 board. It has been a pleasure working with a group whose goal is to make NATRC and Region 3 the best region to ride in. The board has met several times during the year to deal with issues. The board members have given much time and effort to support the region. While not a thankless job, it often seems that we hear more from members about things that are going wrong than about things that are going right. I would like to say THANK YOU to the current board for their support and efforts this past year. To the new board members, I would like to say welcome and thank you for volunteering to serve on the board. and I look forward to working with you during the next year.

I would also like to recognize the time and effort spent by some others in our region. Our national board members attend the national meetings and all the Region 3 meetings. Just attending meetings takes a lot of time on their part, not counting the positions and issues they have to deal with on a national level. I have been privileged to see this past couple of years what kind of commitment that it takes, and I have a great deal of respect for those who volunteer for these positions. The issues and items we have to deal with at the regional level pale in comparison to national. I think that we as a region should say THANK YOU not only to Region 3's national board members but also to all the national board members.

I would also like to recognize our newsletter editor, Betty Wolgram. In serving on the board I have come to appreciate the amount of work, time, and dedication that it takes to put out the regional newsletters. Without her efforts you would not be reading this. This position is a voluntary one, with no remuneration. I can only imagine the amount of time that is invested in this position. I would like to say a special THANK YOU to our newsletter editor.

The end of the year is also the time to look forward, towards the next year. The start of the next year, for me, is the Region 3 convention. We all get together to reflect on the past years and to look forward to the next year and what we hope to accomplish during the year. The outgoing and incoming board members meet for the first time to set agendas and schedules for the next year. We have the general membership meeting and the awards dinner.

The convention is what kicks off the year. It's where we all start looking forward to the next ride season. I, for one, am looking forward to the convention and to seeing all the region members that I enjoy riding with and having a good time with.

I hope to see everyone at the Region 3 convention in Denver.

Marc Shanor

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

REGION 3 MEMBER PROFILE KAY GUNCKEL, DVM

I started riding when I was ten years old. I inherited a thirteen-year-old Palomino Appaloosa gelding that my grandfather had raised. Peter Dunn was "broke" as a two-year-old and then thrown out to pasture until he was ten years old and then gelded.

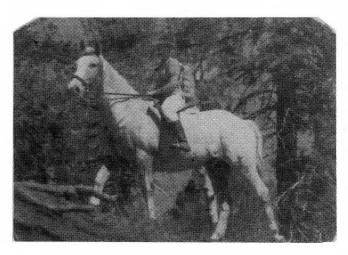
There was a horse-training center a couple of houses down the road. I took riding lessons every weekend. Peter was pastured ten miles away in a 35-acre pasture. My parents and I would chase the horse for an hour before he would allow us to catch him. I would go to my lesson and come home with a big smile on my face. My mom would ask, "How was your lesson?" I would answer, "Great, I only fell off once today."

I was very active in the 4-H horse project and in a few short years had developed a team between my horse and me. We did Western and English but loved jumping best.

My family didn't have much money so we hauled the horse in the back of the pickup track with stock racks. He would just jump in flat, but it was always a challenge to find a place to back up to get him unloaded. Peter rode in the truck with protective eye goggles on. I had a person tell me, "You know how to tell if your horse likes to ride in the back of the truck? Check his teeth for bugs to see if he was smiling."

I started in NATRC when I was twelve years old. My riding instructor, Addie Miller (Dawsen), took me to the El Jinete Solitario Trail Ride when it was held at Valacito Reservoir. She had me scared to death when she said, "You will be riding up on that cliff and that cliff and that cliff." I slept in a one-man tent in the wind and didn't get a wink of sleep. It was a beautiful ride and my horse took good care of me. I was the only Novice Junior on the ride, so I won a buckle for first place horse and first place horsemanship. I as hooked.

I did the Navajo Lake Ride the next year. There was a full class of juniors and I won horsemanship, 4-H award, and the Appaloosa award. Every year I did the El Jinete, Chokecherry, and Navajo Lake rides. One year I did a six-ride season. My parents hauled me all over the state. I met a lot of neat people and learned a lot from Pat Jubb, Neil McKinstry, Dean Schrader, and Terri Roberts.



Kay Gunckel (age ten) and Peter Dunn make a happy team. (Photo donated by Kay Gunckel)

I knew from a young age that I wanted to become a veterinarian. I graduated from Durango High School, went to Fort Lewis College, and then entered CSU Veterinary School. While attending Fort Lewis College, I helped Pat Montgomery (McCoy) as ride secretary with the El Jinete Solitario Trail Ride, now held at Purgatory.

I attended veterinary school on a NATRC scholarship. Thanks to all those number deposits that were donated back to the scholarship fund. Thanks!

After vet school, starting a family, and opening my own veterinary clinic, I am back on the trail. The sport is basically the same after seventeen years. Some of the things that have changed are lunging the horse at presentation and wearing boots while riding and working around the horse. Helmets weren't required for juniors nor was allowing your horse to eat or drink along the trail with a bit in its mouth. The sport is still as wonderful as I remember with the beautiful trails and wonderful people to ride with.

I am now in the process of getting my veterinary judging card. I have learned a lot as a rider with the help of some wonderful mentors. I started my apprentice judging in Region 5 at a ride in Georgia. I want to see how different regions run their rides. I look forward to getting to judge a whole range of breeds of horses that compete in this sport. See you all on the trails!!!



Kay and Sea Star Lady at a 2002 Region 3 competitive trail ride. (Photo by Christy Cumberworth)

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North of I-70

District 2

South of I-70 and east of the Divide and

North of New Mexico

District 3

I-70 west of the Divide and all of New

Mexico

NEWLY ELECTED AND CONTINUING REGION 3 BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2003

Jane Young

District 1 (replaces Linell Miller)

Tracie Scarlett

District 1 (continuing term)

Steve Gordon

District 2 (replaces Darrell Dye)

Marc Shanor

District 2 (continuing term)

Olga Spanoff

District 3 (replaces Linda Jones)

Kathy Brown

District 3 (replaces Betty Wolgram who

moves to At-Large position)

Mike Jubb

Dee Overholt

At-Large (replaces Susan Peters) At-Large (continuing term)

Betty Wolgram At-Large (continuing term, moves from District 3 to At-Large to replace Laura

Schumack

ALSO CONGRATULATIONS to our newly elected Region 3 National Board member, Susie Witter, and to Bill Smith. who will serve as Alternate. Doreen Portner is continuing her term on the National Board.

AND ... CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR REGION 3 2002 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS!

June's Lucky Mac/Bill Smith Rock'n E.Z. Ruby/Jenny Smith Summer/Ken Wolgram Quickly/Betty Wolgram Remington Steele/Roxann Lane Panama Jack/Terri Roberts Brown-R Dawud/Judy Mason Sierra Blue/Donna Johnson

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2003?? TENTATIVE RIDE SCHEDULE (Details Will Appear in 2003 Ride Book)

2nd Annual Waterboy Ride

April 12-13

Farmington, NM

Louie Pavetti Memorial Grand Junction, CO

April 26-27

Navajo Lake Farmington, NM

May 10-11

Cavalier

May 24-25

Colorado Springs, CO

Sagebrush & Cedar Maybell, CO

June 7-8

Strawberry

June 28-29

Heber City, UT

July 19-20

El Jinete Durango, CO

Colorado Trail Buffalo Creek, CO

August 2-3

Buffalo Hunt **NEW RIDE**

August 30-31

Near Wray, CO

Rocky Mountain Dream

September 13-14

Granby, CO

Chokecherry Farmington, NM October 4-5

NATRC REGION 3 SEMINAR AND AWARDS BANQUET 2002 EMBASSY SUITES – DENVER, COLORADO

THEME: THE "GOOD OLD DAYS" (Bring pictures riding NATRC Then and Now)

LOCATION: Embassy Suites, Denver, Colorado, 10250 East Costilla Avenue, Englewood, CO 80112 Telephone 1-800-654-4810
Directions: I-25 North or South. Exit Arapahoe Road, go East on Arapahoe to Havana. Go south on Havana to Costilla. Go
West on Costilla about one block. Hotel is on the South side.

Cost for each room is a flat rate of \$72.00/night. Price includes a complimentary breakfast and manager's reception (Happy Hour 5:30-7:00). Please contact the hotel directly at toll free number above for reservation and say you are with the NATRC Region 3 Conference. Reservations must be made by January 2 for the flat rate.

Region 3 Hospitality Room (time to be determined) is BYOB and snacks. Door Prizes All Day Long (must be in attendance to win)

Registration Starts

Lunch

Speakers (Colorado Room)

Dr. Dwight Bennett, CSU, Coat Color Genetics Michael Dietzenbach, Fort Dodge, West Nile Virus

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2003

8:00 A.M.

8:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

***FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2003 – Doreen Portner, National Board member and Co-Chair of the Judges Committee would like to meet with all judges who are planning to attend the seminar. Please contact her or Kathy Shanor for the exact time and place of the judges meeting Friday evening.

Board of Directors meeting (Colorado Room). Open to any interested members.

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. 3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M.	Dr. Doug Hill, Golden Animal Hospital, Equine Dentistry Mike Mason and Jeff Brown, GPS Seminar Annual General Membership Meeting Ride Management Meeting Banquet, vest number auction, awards								
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Dear Editor:

This note is to inform all of Talon's friends in both NATRC and AERC that he had to be put to sleep on October 30, 2002, at the age of fourteen and that he is buried very close to the site of Lovell's new house on the farm. For the last eighteen months we have treated an injury to the tendon sheath on the right rear fetlock area. After numerous injections, casts, and two major surgeries which took place in August of 2002, all looked very good and then the infection return and there was nothing left to do. He could not walk except to put his toe on the ground and hop with the good leg.

Sometimes we have to know when to let them go. I know I will treasure the memories I have of competing with him on the trail, especially the time in 1997 at the end of the Rabbit Valley ride when Linda Fisher commented on what a pleasant, well-behaved horse Talon was and how it was a pleasure to share the trail with him.

Perhaps Sackett and I may hit the trail next year. For those of you who don't already know, Talon was Sackett's little brother.

Sincerely,

Lovell Sasser (Lovell of Mack to many of you)

Editor's Note:

Our sympathies are also extended to NATRC member Sylvia Beverly (California), whose great horse Harca had to be put down recently after it was discovered he had a tumor in his brain.

CORRECTION - WILLOW SPRINGS RIDE

DS Mighty Bright, ridden by Louise Glaser, placed 4th in Competitive Pleasure Division. The placing information as inadvertently cut off the bottom of the page during printing.

NEW HOOFPRINT EDITOR ANNOUNCED

Pam Miller, Region 2 newsletter editor, will assume the position of *HoofPrint* Editor as of the Jan/Feb issue. Send any articles, letters, photos, etc. to her at:

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Our special thanks to Ruth Bourgeois for her years of work as *HoofPrint* Editor for NATRC.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Renewals for NATRC membership are due January 1, 2003. **BE SURE** to renew your membership on time so you don't miss any issues of the *HoofPrint* or our Region 3 Newsletter.

"WHY I RIDE" by Elbert Hubbard (U.S. editor, publisher, and author)

I ride because I prize my sleep, my digestion, and my thinktrap. I ride in order that I may work. I wish to be a good transformer of divine energy. I want to add to the wealth and happiness of the world, and to make two gins grow where there was only a grouch before. I find that when I go in partnership with a good horse I keep my nerves from getting outside my clothes. I am better able to act sanely, serenely. and happily, dispose of difficulties and surmount obstacles. A horse helps you 'to forget' it. A horse has no troubles of his own. He does not pour into your ear a sad tale of woe. One of the principal reasons why I have been able to do good work is because I have always kept on close, chummy terms with at least one good horse. My opinion is now that, if we are going to preserve our vigor, our enjoyment, we will have to be on good terms with Mother Earth. It is a great thing to feel that you are bigger than the elements. And a horse of the right kind helps you to hypnotize yourself into the belief that you are a part of all you see and hear and feel. No man can have melancholia who loves a horse and is understood by one. You shake off your troubles and send cares flying into the wanton winds when you ride horseback.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you, Donna Johnson, for submitting the above selection by Elbert Hubbard.

ANOTHER wonderful quote by Elbert Hubbard: "Never explain—your friends do not need it and your enemies will not believe it anyhow."

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Your devoted, hardworking newsletter editor would like to know what you would like to see and read about in upcoming issues of the newsletter. Personally, I would like to see even more member profile articles, member letters, member photos, etc. Please contact me (best time is in the evenings) at (970) 824-8359 or E-Mail: <a href="https://doi.org/bkwranch.gov/bkwranc



Remington Steele, Reserve Champion Horse, enjoys a splash through the river at the Championship Challenge and his rider Roxann Lane succeeds in "keeping the big one on the bottom." (Photo by Christy Cumberworth)

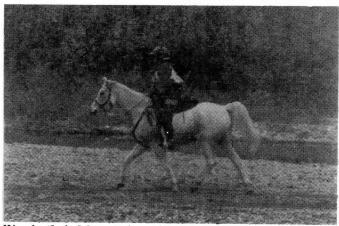
CONGRATULATIONS TO REGION 3 CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE RIDERS



Bill (June's Lucky Mac) and Jenny Smith (Rock'n E.Z.Ruby) enjoy a water stop.



Betty Wolgram and Quickly head across one of the pretty meadows at Whispering Pines.



Woody (Judy Mason) shows his fine trotting form.



Despite the chilly morning, Sierra Blue (Donna (Johnson) takes a good drink.



Roxann Lane (Remington Steele) and Ken Wolgram (Summer) take a break to enjoy the autumn colors.

All our 2002 Championship Challenge riders represented Region 3 proudly. A special thanks to Christy Cumberworth, ride photographer, for furnishing the photos for the newsletter.

Rock'n E. Z. Ruby -1^{st} place Heavyweight Horse and Grand Champion Horse
Jenny Smith -2^{nd} place Heavyweight Horsemanship Summer -2^{nd} place Heavyweight Horse
June's Lucky Mac -3^{rd} place Heavyweight Horse
Bill Smith -5^{th} place Heavyweight Horsemanship Remington Steele -1^{st} place Lightweight Horse and Reserve Grand Champion Horse
Roxann Lane -3^{rd} place Lightweight Horsemanship
Brown -R Dawud -5^{th} place Lightweight Horse
Quickly - Completion

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